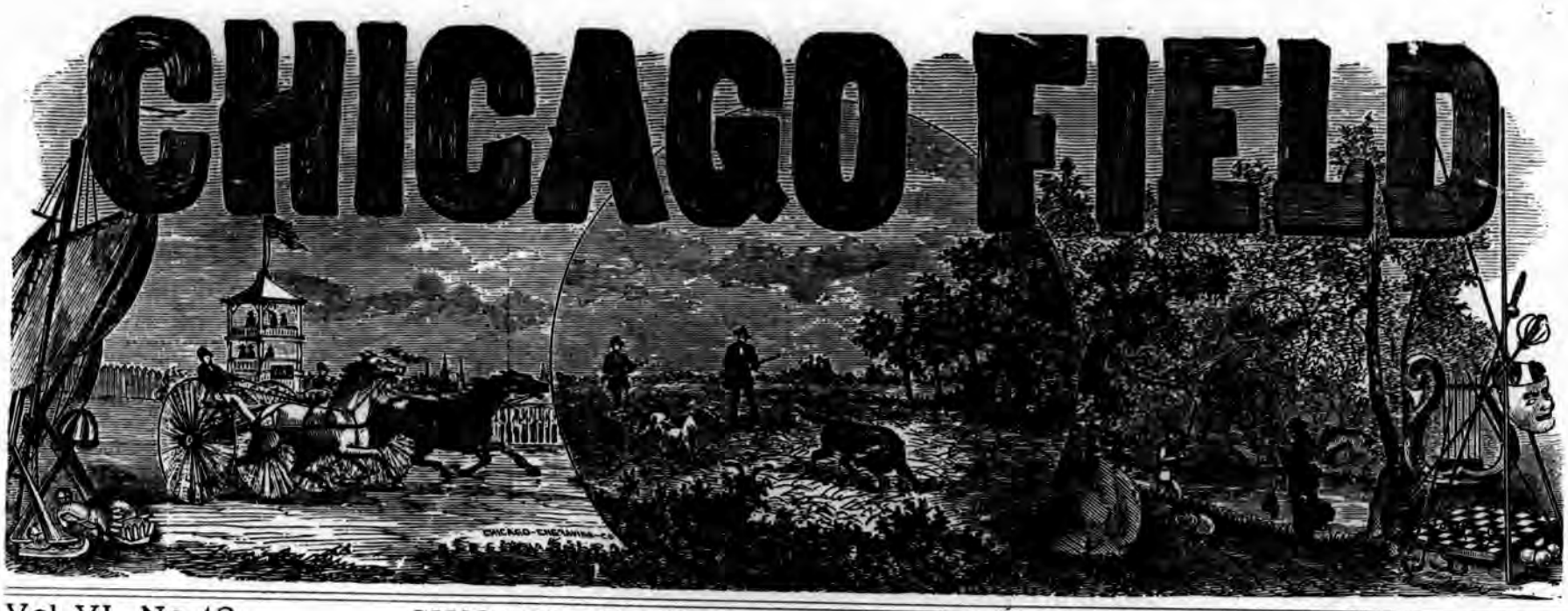

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The Horse.

Cruiser's Cruise.

The following remarkable story is from the *Sporting and Dramatic News*. As Cruiser was frequently identified here while alive, by Englishmen, it will be taken for what it is worth:

What became of Cruiser? Went to America, didn't he, with Mr. Rarey, who made a raree-show of the reformed rogue all over the States. That is commonly supposed to have been Cruiser's destiny; and as a matter of course, he would have died in clover. Well, don't say I said he didn't. All I know I'll tell, and you shall hear, after which please to draw your own conclusions, which may be cynical and altogether wrong—but that's not my fault.

You know when Rarey came to England he began by making a secret of his wonderful system. Stop a moment. You think I'm going to sneer—I know you do. But as usual when you think such things your'e wrong. Why should you for a single instant imagine that I would go for to sneer at Mr. Rarey's system because he began by making it a secret, and went on to make it a show? I take the system on its own merits entirely; and I say that it was founded, at all events, on a subtle and just understanding of the horse. Few, very few, are capable of estimating this animal's character. He is the most nervous of all created things; and, next to the bear, he is the most inquisitive. His vices have been said, truly enough, to be in nine cases out of ten, the vices of another order of brutes, and not of him. If any fact ever received a palpable and noonday demonstration, it was this which Rarey worked upon in his first treatment of a horse deemed refactory and incorrigible—the creature really "wants to know you know." If you could endow a groom with the patient intelligence of a Pestalozzi, and, in fact, make him rather superior to the ordinary run of school-masters in this highly educated kingdom, you would easily induce the man to facilitate and encourage the horse in his inquiring habits instead of checking them. Long before Rarey came to enlighten our stables and loose boxes I chanced to see Madamoiselle Caracoline, the star of Franconi's Cirque, riding her great showy brute of a Normandy trick-horse in the Brompton-road, when the animal shied right across the road on the sudden throwing open of the lid of a baker's truck. What did the Frenchwoman do? She coaxed the circus-steed up to the truck, and smilingly begged the baker's man to lift the top slowly, then faster and faster, and at length violently as at first. In five minutes the horse had learned as much about the baker's truck as the baker knew himself, and thenceforth was no more likely than was the baker to take fright at the opening of the lid.

All Rarey's pretty tricks with the drum and the pistol, what were they but variations of the common-sense expedient adopted by Mademoiselle Caracoline?

Divested of all the bunkum and *blague* of showmanship, the Yankee horse-trainer's plan was admirably wise and practical. But now about Cruiser. I have had it on the best authority that Crusier was a mad horse; that his fits of violence were simply rabid paroxysms; and that though by consumate patience and skill Rarey brought this beautiful but useless creature to an apparent condition of affectionate docility, there was a constant need of repeating, in Cruiser's case, lessons of trying severity, which were not required by the generality of subjects passing under Mr. Rarey's hands. In point of fact, when Cruiser came trotting into the ring like a pet dog, he had been sweated down to an abject state of weakness half an hour previously This was one little part of the humbug pardonably associated with the show. The idea conveyed to the public was that this wild beast once tamed was tamed for good and all that having been suddenly converted from a fiendish to an angelic disposition, he remained a paragon of all equine virtues. Nothing could be farther from the truth as Rarey knew it.

Well, I should tell you, in case you may have forgotten, that Rarey was helped, in a manner for which he was always grateful, by Mr. Frederick Allen, one of the most accomplished riding masters now alive and flourishing. In fact, Rarey's first experiments and expositions were at Mr. Allen's riding-school, near Bryanstone-square. Cruiser's character behind the scenes was equally well-known to Allen and to Rarey. When the latter had worked his show thoroughly over here, and was talking of a run with Cruiser through the United States, his friend Allen asked him whether he thought the horse was worth all the inevitable and enormous trouble.

Rarey smiled a thoughtful smile, and said, "I'd like to match him. Do you know of an entire horse, same height, same color and marks, same age, too, as Cruiser?"

His friend considered for a moment, and said, "Yes."

"I'll buy him, then," said Rarey. "Mind, you get that horse for me, and never mind the price."

So the horse matching Cruiser was bought, to be taken with Cruiser to New York, and to be exhibited as a companion to Cruiser—so it was announced—in a tour through the United States.

Two horse boxes were shipped on board the vessel which was to take Mr. Rarey across the Atlantic. On one of the horse boxes was painted the name ——, and on the other horse box the name Cruiser. It came on to blow when they had been two days at sea, and Mr. Rarey, who showed the greatest solicitude about his pair of horses, remained all night on deck. But even his watchfullness and care did not prevent one of the horse boxes from going overboard. The lashings came loose in some way that nobody was able to comprehend, and over went one of the boxes, I say, horse and all.

Which horse? Ah! Now I told you at starting that I'd tell you all I know; and you are not to say I told you anything else. It was *not* the horse box with Cruiser's name painted outside it that broke from its lashings on deck and went by the board. And when at breakfast next morning, Rarey's fellow-passengers commiserated with him on the loss of so valuable a horse as ——, the philosophic American said it was a great misfortune, but it couldn't be helped; and, after all, he might feel happy *that it wasn't Cruiser*.

How the cute Rarey travelled in his native country, and how he advertised Cruiser everywhere, and how the trustful Yankees flocked to see Cruiser, is it not written in the Book of Barnum?

SALE OF THE YEARLING GOVERNOR TILDEN.—Battle Creek, Mich. Dec. 5, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—My attention has been called to the following notice which appeared in your paper of Dec. 2: "A. C. Fisk, Coldwater, Mich., has sold to parties at Niles, Mich., the premium yearling colt Governor Tilden, by Hambletonian Star, for $600."

It has also appeared in several other turf and agricultural papers. The facts are that at our State fair this colt, Gov. Tilden, or any other of Mr. Fisk's colts, took nothing in the shape of a premium.

The first premium in yearling stallions was taken by Daniel Stiles, of this county, with his colt Ceresco. This colt was sired by the Hambletonian trotting stallion Bay Middleton, owned by Henry Brown & Co., of this city. You will please publish the above that justice may be done to all parties concerned. Yours truly, JOHN F. HINMAN.

How to Shoe the Trotter.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—I notice an article in your last issue on "Shoes and Shoeing," by "Turfman," which requires me again to come to the front to explain. "Turfman" in the commencement, would lead his readers to believe that my system has nothing new, but is one of the old systems denounced by all intelligent horsemen; but by carefully reading it through, you will find that "Turfman" in no way materially differs with me, but tells you just as I have already expressed, that you must allow the frog to be used in all cases, in order to keep the foot in a healthy condition, but tells you there is no need of high or thick heeled shoes, therefore you can allow the horse's frog to come in use by having the heel thin. This is evidence to me that "Turfman" has had but little practical experience in the shoeing of trotters or roadsters, especially among horses that have suffered from contraction for any length of time, for in all cases, the contraction has become sympathetic until the tendons have become more or less affected and in many cases so much so that the horse has become considerably over on his knees; and in every case where the tendons are affected, every sensible horseman will admit that the horse should be shod with high-heeled shoes, and in so doing many horses continue to trot that with thin heeled shoes would become so sore and lame as to require a long let up, and in many cases break down entirely, so as to be useless for life. I should like to have "Turfman" tell me how to make a thin-heeled shoe for my horse that has rather a small foot and requires a shoe that at least weighs 24 ounces. I think he would be like the man that wanted the smith to make him a very *light thick broad shoe*.

"Turfman," like many other old fogies, refers to nature, natural bearing of the frog etc. Let me inform "Turfman" that nature did not make these hard stone pavements for this natural bearing to come in contact with, nor did nature harness, hitch, and place a pair of reins in ignorant *turfmen's* hands to slash the horse bang-a-de-bang down the road; therefore when we have set nature aside in one respect we must meet its wants in another, which requires my particular kind of a bar shoe. "Turfman" admits the bar shoe (not my kind), to be "a desirable shoe for the quarter crack, for corns, and for contraction when horses, suffering in these respects, are used daily for the faster kinds of work or service upon hard roads or paved streets, nor should there be any hesitation to use it under all circumstances for the quarter crack; in cases or corns and contractions, however, when only slow work is required, or the cripple is to be given a run in the paddock, Nature's bar shoe is more preferable, while "Ban's" method, which appears to be the indiscriminate use of the bar shoe, is not defendable for the following reasons;—before quoting "Turfman" any farther we will digest what he has said. Every man possessed of a fair amount of common sense, or at least the smallest particle of horse shoeing sense, will admit that the shoe represented in the cuts of your last issue is much preferable to the old gun barrel bar shoe, with narrow bar, that when allowed to rest upon the frog would gradually cut the back part of the frog where it rested upon, from the front part of the frog where it did not rest upon. This front part of the frog not being in any way used or pressed upon, becomes dry and hard, the very cause of contraction. This old fashioned bar shoe that "Turfman" recommends, is rarely allowed to rest upon the frog, for the above reason. We will again quote from "Turfman:" First, "this bar shoe produces a constant and unnatural pressure upon the frog, diminishes its elasticity, and prevents, in some degree, its performance of functional duties."

The frog by my method of shoeing, can only get a pressure upon it when the horse's weight is upon it, and if we follow "Turfman's" directions, "the wall should be cut away at the heel so that the surface of the frog will be flush with the surface of the shoe." How can the horse stand upon his foot without causing a pressure upon the frog with the shoe on it. It could not be otherwise than an unnatural pressure. He further goes on to say "it is filthy and objectionable and accumulates a deposit of dirt," which is just about as true as it would be to say that the more you rub your hands upon a hoe handle hoeing corn, or upon an axe handle chopping wood the thiner the skin will get, and too many that are as ignorant in regard to hoeing and chopping as many are to shoeing would think it true. I would say to "Turfman," I know by actual experiment that the bar shoe I claim to be the best in use has no unhealthy effect upon the frog and foot, and by its use you can keep a sound foot, sound, and make most unsound feet sound. Every day adds proof that it is the *only* shoe in use that prevents and cures contraction. "Turfman," don't be prejudiced, but give it a trial and you will acknowledge the corn. Don't wait until your horse has corns, or has quarter cracks, or contracted feet. Remember the rule "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Yours, BAN.

RUSSIAN TROTTERS.—A friend of mine, lately arrived from Russia, brought me, says a correspondent of an English contemporary, the latest news about the great trotting races at St. Petersburgh on the ice of the Neva. I have no time now to communicate to you all the interesting matters of the last races, I will only let you know that during the past winter the stallion Young Bedouin has made the best time that ever was made. Before telling the time, it is necessary to acquaint you with experiments which were made in Moscow for the purpose of finding out the relation between the fleetness of a horse in a sulky and in a "beigavia droshky." This is a long, narrow plank, placed on four low, perpendicular posts, which last are fastened to the axles. The whole thing rests on four low wheels. The height of the vehicle is so arranged that a man of middle stature seated on the plank (on which it is possible to sit only astride, with both feet resting on each side on two supports arranged for the purpose) can easily reach the ground. The weight of this original equipage is something like that of a sulky, but in motion it is a great deal less easy than the sulky. The experiments have been made in the following manner: The same horses, at the same distance, were sent to trot, first in a droshky, and afterwards in a sulky. Many trials of this kind have shown that a horse can make any distance in a sulky faster by 10 sec., than in a droshey. And at the present time there exists in Russia a rule, according to which if, in one and the same race, some horses are going in a droshky and some at the same time in a sulky, the time of those in the latter must be augmented by 10 seconds. Well, Young Bedouin made two miles in 4:59. If we do not consider the fact that races in winter are generally slower than in summer, and will only take off 10 seconds from the sulky, we shall perceive that Young Bedouin made two miles in 4:49. But one mile heat he can do in 2:19½. (2:29½--10s.—2:19½). This is the best stallion record in Russia. Mares there are generally slower.

SOUTH AMERICAN HORSES IN FRANCE.—France does not furnish a sufficiency of horses for its cavalry, and for years they have been procured from Hungary, from Germany, and from England. Twenty-six horses were experimentally imported some time ago from the river La Plata for army use, and were inspected by Marshal McMahon, the Minister of War, and several Generals. They were found available, and seventy more are shortly expected Four thousand more will probably be ordered, and the importation of horses to Havre and Marseilles from the La Plata will become permanent.

The Board of Appeals.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—I am glad to see that justice has been partially done the trio of drivers expelled by the Buffalo Association at their August meeting. The decision of the Board of Appeals establishes a new precedent in arranging the little acts of unpleasantness for which members of the National Association may be responsible. It is perfectly well-known that the malice exhibited by Buffalo Park Association in the expulsion of Messrs. Mace, Rood and Van Ness was without precedent and unauthorized by the rules and regulations of the National Association. This decision, if permitted to remain in force, it is believed would have materially affected its popularity and strength. President Woolley, clothed with the power under the by-laws of the association, to temporarily relieve those affected by decisions of associations, unwarranted by either the facts or the rules and regulations of the association—when applied to by these drivers to re-instate them temporarily, answered that the decision was legal and just and he could not with propriety grant the relief asked for. To what an extent this refusal of President Woolley affected injuriously the pecuniary interests of the trio may be inferred when we recall to mind the performances of Fulerton, Amy and Allen, and the absolute refusal of the great associations to let Albermarle start. For the best interest of the trotting turf, it is very important that its President should be an expert in trotting affairs. No mere figure-head, though backed by the organs of Park Row, will quite fill the bill in such emergencies. By this official act of Mr. W., the proof is sufficient, that there are more capable gentlemen in the country for the position he now holds.

Buffalo seems to have been entirely willing that Thornedale should win over Albermarle; his owner is Edwin Thorne, a member of the Board of Appeals. But Buffalo seems to have been entirely unwilling that justice should be extended to her patrons by declaring the pools off for fraud. The true secret of this action on her part undoubtedly can be explained only by calling to mind the facts. Such a course would have cost her about $1,500, her percentage of the pools sold on the race; this act of cupidity has cost the great association the loss of some influential friends.

The large associations comprising the great circuit sometimes do strange things, but none have outstripped Buffalo in her refusal to declare pools off on this notorious race. With a flourish of authority, after the meeting was over and the jurisdiction of the judges and association had expired, it suddenly occurred to the upright association. Mr. Thorne's horse having been permitted to win and their cupidity gratified, that the gate-payers and pool-buyers were very much disgusted at their curious and unprecedented decisions in the different stages of the race. To allow this condition of things to remain would evidently cost them more by loss of patronage than the chunk derived from the queer course. So to right matters, without law and without precedent, they proceeded to count out of the list of honorable drivers those whose names are given earlier in this article. Now, what is the result? President W. on record as an inexpert or unfair man; the Buffalo Association for playing favorites among owners and drivers and for next to an act of highway robbery on their patrons, and also for making a frantic effort to divert criticism from their acts to the unfairness of Mace, Rood and Van Ness in driving. It would hardly be expected that the Mutual Admiration Society would do anything reflecting upon Charles Woolley or the Buffalo Association.

Therefore this important matter does not seem to have been acted upon with any regard to determining whether the Buffalo Association was within the rules or their spirit in their expulsions. The precedent now seems to be that there is a probationary position between expulsion and suspension. The genius of the board is not to be sneezed at but as to their justice and independence we cannot say as much. But let the National Association drive ahead; it is to late now to shut the door for the horse is stolen. They must strike a balance sheet and start a-new on a basis of justice and equity and they may succeed. BAN.

THORNDALE.—In a note to the *Kentucky Live Stock Record*, Mr. Thorne, the owner of the trotting stallion Thorndale, by Alexander's Abdallah, dam by Mambrino Chief, states that the horse is at home, is in fine health, and sound as a mill dollar. He has served ten mares since his return home, and is being regularly jogged, and will be kept at it all the winter, with the expectation of joining Budd Doble's string next season. He weighed 1,164 pounds when he went into training, and just 1,000 pounds when he returned home, having lost an average of about forty pounds a month while Doble had him. Under all the circumstances his performances this season were extremely creditable to him and his trainer, and must call renewed attention to his breeding and merits as a sire. Thorndale is one of the aged Kentucky bred horses that was a good three-year old, and an extra number one at eleven. After his purchase Mr. Thorne kept him expressly for the stud, and jogged him to a wagon during the season, and kept him in a box stall in winter. He was never, after he came into Mr. Thorne's possession, driven a full mile at his full speed, until he went into Doble's hands. He has done good service in the stud and been particularly fortunate in having his foals keep sound. Mr. Thorne says, including all his foals and all that have been bred and kept for other parties, he had but three unsound ones, and none of those within two years. Mr. T. holds the four-year old colt Marksman, by Thorndale, out of Lady Patriot (Volunteer and Sentinel's dam), in high esteem, as a worthy son of worthy parents. Thorndale has the best record of any son of Alexander's Abdallah, and as he and Almont are bred alike, by the same sire out of mares by Mambrino Chief, Thorndale should prove as successful a sire as he has shown himself to be a first class trotter.

SALES OF TROTTING STOCK.—Mr. A. J. Alexander, Woodburn Stud Farm, Spring Station, Ky., has sold to Mr. H. N. Martin, Vicksburg, Miss., the bay filly Miss Jewess, four years old, by Woodford Mambrino, dam Jewel by Alexander's Abdallah....R. S. Strader has sold to Geo. W. St. Clair, Esq., Hamilton, Ohio, his Black Draco mare, Emma Shoenberger, her dam by Canadian Chief, and full sister to the dam of Coaster....Alonzo Morris, Boston, Mass., has bought of A. J. Alexander, Woodburn Stud Farm, Spring Station, Ky., the grey mare Sabrina, five years old, by Belmont, dam Susette by Pilot, Jr., grandam Susan by American Eclipse, and Manfred, bay gelding, five years old, by Woodford Mambrino, dam Malmaison by Alexander's Abdallah..... Mr. A. J. Alexander has also sold to Robert Bonner, New York City, the following young trotters: Malice, bay, foaled 1870, by Woodford Mambrino, dam Malmaison, by Abdallah; Manetta, brown, foaled 1872, by Woodford Mambrino, dam Malmaison, by Abdallah; Hermia, black, foaled 1874, by Woodford Mambrino, dam Hermosa, by Edwin Forrest; Zither, bay, foaled 1874, by Woodford Mambrino, dam Tulip, by Alexander's Abdallah, and chestnut gelding, Buckthorn, foaled 1874, by Harold, dam Woodbine, by Woodford.

DATE CLAIMED.—Dubuque, Iowa, Dec. 8, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Our association claims for their Fall meeting and Fair of 1877 the first week in September, from the 3d to 7th inclusive. Will you please publish the same, and oblige.

Yours truly, M. S. ROBISON, Sec'y.

Racing and Trotting.

Louisiana Jockey Club—Fall Meeting.

SECOND DAY—DEC. 5.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 5th.—Second day, Louisiana Jockey Club—First race, the Orleans Stakes for three year olds, $25 p. p., $400 added; second to have $75. Value $425.
A. K. Richards' ch f Clemmie G., by War Dance, dam Alexandra..... 1
A. K. Richards' b c Henry Owens, by Gilroy, dam Estelle..... 2
G. B. Morris' Uncle Tom, by Uncle Vic, dam Maid of the Mill..... 3
Time—3:41.

Clemmie G. was the favorite.

SAME DAY—Second Race—Purse $250; $200 to first, $50 to second; 100 lbs on each, three-year olds to carry their proper weights; 3 lbs to mares and geldings. One mile.
A. K. Richards' b c Redman, 4 yrs old by War Dance, dam by Solferino..... 1
H. Askey's ch f Coriander, 4 yrs old, by Rebel, dam Aurelia Westheimer..... 2
M. Welch's b g Port Leonard, aged, by Voucher, dam Prunella..... 3
Time—1:45¾.

Redman favorite 2 to 1 over the others.

SAME DAY—Third Race—Purse $500 $500, for all ages, $400 to first; $100 to second.
W. Cottrill's ch c Gen. Harney, 4 yrs old, by Pat Malloy, dam Yellow Bird.....1 2 1
P. Leach's br c Whipsaw, 4 yrs old, by Hiawatha, dam Boquet..3 1 2
J. C. Murphy's b g War Jig, aged, by War Dance, dam Dixie ...2 3 ro
Williams & Owings' b h Fair Play, 5 yrs old by Virgil, dam Crucifix.....4 4 ro
R. W. Crawford's ch c George Quinnin, 3 yrs old, by Bulletin, dam by Rupee.....5 dis
Time—3:13, 3:41¾, 3:51.

Gen. Harney was the favorite. First heat won by three-quarters of a length, the second by a neck, the third by a nose.

THIRD DAY—DEC. 7TH.

On the third day of the Fall meeting of the Louisiana Jockey Club the first race was a handicap hurdle race, two miles, for a purse of $400, which was won by Port Leonard, beating Redding, Red Cloud and Woodland in the order named. Time, 3:49. In the pools before the race Redding sold for $250, Woodland $50 and the field, consisting of Port Leonard and Red Cloud $22.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Third day, Dec. 7.—First race, handicap hurdle race; purse $400, two miles.
M. Welch's b g Port Leonard, by Voucher, dam Prunella..... 1
A. K. Richards' b c Redding, by Planet, dam by Glencoe..... 2
E. Harrison's ch h Red Cloud, by Reddy..... 3
W. R. Babcock's b c Woodland, by Brown Dick..... 0
Time—3:49.

SAME DAY.—Second race.—Dash of a mile and three quarters; purse $300.
A. Keene Richards' ch f Clemmie G., by War Dance, dam Alexandra. 1
J. C. Murphy's b g War Jig, by War Dance, dam Dixie..... 2
R. W. Crawford's ch c Geo. Quinnin, by Bulletin, dam by Rupee.... 3
Wm. Cottrell's ch c Donough, by Blarney Stone, dam Lillie Ward.... 0
E. Harrison's b h Falmouth, by Planet, dam Red Rose..... 0
Time—3:09¾.

In the pools before the race Clemmie G. was the favorite, selling at 5 to 1 the field.

The Third Race—Which were mile heats, best three in five, for a purse of $500.
J. C. Murphy's br c Bob Woolley by imp Leamington dam Item.....1 1 2 1
H. Ashley's ch f Coronella by Rebel dam Aurelia Westheimer.2 1 1 2
A. Keene Richard's b c Henry Owens by Gilray dam Estelle..3 2 3 ro
F. Lloyd's ch c Lloyd's Colt.....4 3 4 ro
Williams & Owing's b h Fair Play.....dis
Time—1:45, 1:46¼, 1:44¾, 1:47.

This was a closely contested and exciting race. Bob Woolley was the favorite in the pools.

The weather was cloudy, with a light rain. The attendance was small.

FOURTH DAY—DEC. 9TH.

On the last day of the Fall meeting of the Louisville Jockey Club. The weather was clear and cool, the attendance small and the track a little heavy.

The First Race.—Howard Stakes, mile dash, was won by Eva Shirley, Cora Linn second, Madge Duke third, Hattie P. fourth. Time—1:52½.

Pools on the track:—Eva Shirley, $25; Madge Duke, $21; the field, $17.

The Second Race.—Mile dash for a consolation purse of $550, was won by Coronella, Henry Owens second, Sundown colt third, Falmouth fourth. Time, 1:50½.

The Third Race.—Four mile heats, for a purse of $800, was won by General Harney in two straight heats, Uncle Tom second, Whipsaw third, War Jig fourth, Port Leonard distanced. Time, 7:55¾, 8:20½.

Pools on the track:—General Harney, $75; Whipsaw, $35; War Jig, $25; the field, $10.

SUMMARY.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 9th.—Last day of the Louisiana Jockey Club Fall meeting. First race. The Howard Stakes, $25 each, $500 added; dash of a mile.
J. W. Guests' b f Eva Shirley by imp Glenelg dam Edeney by Hunter's Gleucoe..... 1
J. W. Green's b f Cora Linn by Bacon dam Sarah McDonald..... 2
Williams & Owen's b f Madge Duke by Bayonet dam Tick..... 3
Minor & Pierson's ch f Hattie P. by Tom Greene dam Regret.....dis
Time—1:52½.

SAME DAY.—Second race; consolation purse, $250; dash of a mile.
H. Akey's ch f Coronella, by Rebel, dam Aurelia Westheimer.....1
A. Keene Richard's b c Henry Owens, by Gilroy, dam Estella.....2
M. Welch's colt, b Sundown.....3
E. Harrison's b h Falmouth, by Planet, dam Red Rose.....4
Time—1:50½.

SAME DAY.—Third race; purse $800; four mile heats.
W. Cottrell's ch c Gen. Harney, by Pat Malloy, dam Yellow Bird. 1 1
G. B. Morris' b c Uncle Tom, by Uncle Vic, dam Maid of the Mill. 3 2
P. Leach's br c Whipsaw, by Hiawatha, dam Boquet.....2 3
J. C. Murphy's b g War Jig, by War Dance, dam Dixie.....4 4
M. Welch's b g Port Leonard, by Voucher, dam Prunella.....dis
Time—7:55¼, 8:20½.

The California Turf.

SUMMARY.

OAKLAND PARK, Nov. 22, 1876.—Trotting purse, $500; $250 to first; $125 to second, $75 to third, $50 to fourth. Mile heats, best 3 in 5, in harness.
Geo. F. Jacobs' gr m Sweetbriar.....1 4 2 1 1
D. Dennison's bl h General Reno.....4 1 1 3 2
E. D. Yates' b m Alice.....2 2 3 2 3
Jno. Williams' ch g Gov. Stanford.....3 3 4 4 4
Time—2:32½—2:33½—2:32¾—2:31½—3:32.

Betting, Sweetbriar $16, Stanford $30, Reno $6, Alice $5. After first heat $30 to $15 on Sweetbriar.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT SOCIETY, Los Angelos, Nov. 14th and 15th; trotting; for District three year olds; purse, $150, mile heats, three in five.
H. M. Johnson's br c San Diego.....1 0 4 2 1 1
L. J. Rose's b m Beckie Sharp.....2 0 2 1 2 3
E. H. Jones' br c Dombey.....3 4 1 3 4 2
Wm. Smith's blk m Meliss.....4 3 3 4 3 dr
Time—2:53½—2:52½—2:51—2:50¼—2:58—2:57½.

SAME DAY.—Trotting; purse $400, for horses that never beat 3:00; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.
Wm. Smith's blk m Nell Crockett.....1 1 1
T. O. Mott's b m Maggie Mitchell.....2 3 2
L. J. Rose's s m Barnes' Idol.....3 2 3
Time—2:35¼, 2:41, 2:41.

SAME DAY.—Purse $150, free for all District horses; Aileen Oge and all thoroughbreds barred; one mile dash; weight for age; $100 to first, $50 to second.
J. H. Myers' b g Tower.....1
N. A. Corvarubia's c h George Temple.....2
M. A. Fester's b f Flora.....3
Time—1:49½.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, Los Angelos, Nov. 18th.—Trotting race, two mile heats; premium $400; $225 to first, $125 to second and $50 to third horse; free only for all horses entered in the 2:45 and 3:00 purses.
L. J. Rose's s m Barnes' Idol.....1 3 1
T. D. Moot's b m Maggie Mitchell.....3 2 2
W. Llewellyn's s g Gladstone.....2 1 3
H. T. Hazard's b g Pilot Chief.....4 4 4
Time—5:16¼, 5:25¾, 5:28.

C. A. Durfee's g g Major and H. McGregory's b m Nell Crockett were drawn.

BAY DISTRICT COURSE, Nov. 25, 1876.—Trotting purse, $300; mile heats, best three in five, in harness.
Geo F. Jacob's g m Sweetbiar.....1 1 1
D. Dennison's bl h General Reno.....3 2 2
John Williams' ch g Governor Stanford.....2 3 3
O. A. Hickok's b g Red Cross.....drawn.
Time 2:31¾—2:30¼—2:29.

BAY DISTRICT COURSE, Nov. 25th and 27th—Purse $100; mile heats.
Owner's Kitty Clark.....0 1 2 1 1
Owner's Gracie.....0 2 1 2 2
Owner's Lady Emma.....3 3 3 3 3
Owner's Gabe Smith.....4 4 4 4 4
Time—2:37¼, 2:37, 2:37¾, 2:36, 2:40.

BAY DISTRICT COURSE, Nov. 30, 1876.—Trotting purse, $500; for horses which have never beaten 2:35; mile heats, best 3 in 5, in harness.
C. Lusk's br g General Cobb.....1 1 1
Mizner Bro's ch m Nelly Patchen.....2 2 2
O. Smiley's b m Kitty Clark.....3 3 3
J. L. Eoff's b m Gracie.....4 4 4
P. Bronlow's ch g Miller.....drawn.
Time—2:35, 2:31¼, 2:32.

THE PHILADELPHIA TWENTY MILE MATCH.—Some of the shrewd turfmen of the Centennial City have been "taken into camp" by a granger with a genuine laster in the shape of a homely black mare, after considerable fun had been poked at him. It says: The black mare Queen accomplished the feat of trotting 20 miles inside of 80 minutes, on Tuesday afternoon, for a wager of $300 a side with 8 minutes and 50 seconds to spare.

Some three weeks ago a very ordinary specimen of an equine dealer made his appearance at the old Wm. Penn stables (now National Cab Company's), on Filbert street, below Ninth, and made arrangements for the keeping of some six or seven horses that were for sale. Billy Merryhew, the stable superintendent, immediately provided the necessary accommodations for the quadrupeds. His particular attention was called to one, a very rough looking black mare, which, although lame, and in (apparently) very ordinary condition, was said to be a trotter of immense staying qualities. The best in the stable was none too good for the Queen, as she was called, and the stable employes were warned to keep clear of her heels, as she was said to have a will of her own, and, in all probability, might assist out of her stall any interlopers who might wish to become familiar with her fine points.

Considerable amusement was had at the expense of the owner of this nondescript in the shape of horse flesh, A. H. Perdue, of Saulsbury, Maryland, who appeared to think there never were so many good and bad qualities concentrated in so much hide, as this mare had.

When he asked $200 for the mare, those well versed in the price of horseflesh ridiculed the idea, and the general impression was that the gentleman from Maryland had his Centennial clothes on, and expected to realize Centennial prices for his stock when the Centennial had closed, and the market was full of horses waiting for purchasers.

But when he offered to trot the mare twenty miles in eighty minutes or less, any time inside of two weeks, good day and track, the boys imagined they had the countryman for a sure thing, and at once told him to "put up or shut up," never for once imagining that he meant business, supposing the talk was all chin music, such as is usually indulged in when an attempt is made to dispose of some old broken down hackney.

Perdue quietly drew from his home-spun duster a plethoric looking calf-skin, containing several of Uncle Sam's promises to pay, in the shape of greenbacks, and drew therefrom an even hundred, saying, "cover that for a forfeit, and the balance will be forthcoming on the day of the race." The amount was immediately covered by one of our speculative sports, aided and assisted by others on the lay for snaps. The articles were soon drawn up, the forfeit posted and the day named, which was to be Tuesday, the 5th of December, good day and track. Fortunately for Mr. Perdue and mare the day and track were all that could be desired, and from the lengthened visages of those directly interested on Father Time, stocks appeared to be down. However, with the usual perversity and gameness of our sporting fraternity, the boys did not weaken, but made good the three hundred dollars per agreement, making $600 in the purse to be trotted for.

Some two hundred persons assembled at Point Breeze Park, to witness the result. The betting at the track was nearly two to one on the mare, and was readily accepted by the backers of time. At just seven minutes before three o'clock P. M., the mare got the word. She started on an easy jog, making the first mile in 3:20. She kept on at about that gait for the next three miles, when she eased up and trotted in about 3:48 from that out. She appeared to be going easy, occasionally spurting for a few hundred yards, and then coming back to a six minute gait. She made the twenty miles with ease in seventy-one minutes and ten seconds. The mare showed very little distress, and looked able to go another twenty the same afternoon. She trotted her best mile in 3:26.

The boys who picked up the Queen and her country friend for duffers caught a pair of Tartars.

SUMMARY.

POINT BREEZE PARK, Phila., Dec. 5, 1876.—Match against time for a purse of $600; to trot twenty miles in eighty minutes.
A. H. Perdue's blk m Queen.....Won
Time.....Lost
Time—71:10.

The California Oaks.

The inaugural of the California Oaks took place on Dec. 9th. The purse was $10,000, divided into four monies. The weather was fine, the track in good condition and the attendance large. Mollie McCarthy, Mattie A., Ballinette, Emma Skaggs and Lola Lodi started. Josie C. and Gentle Annie, who were also entered, were withdrawn. In the pools before the race Mollie McCarthy sold at 110, Mattie A. at 60 and the field at 20.

The horses got off well together at a quarter to three P. M. Mollie McCarthy drew slightly ahead, and at the half mile had the lead by half a length, Skaggs second, Lodi and Mattie A. about two lengths behind, Ballinette trailing. These positions were maintained with scarcely any change to the end of the third mile, when Ballinette closed up and Skaggs fell behind. At the half of the fourth mile Mollie was still in the lead, with Mattie A. close behind, Ballinette and Lodi together a couple of lengths behind and Skaggs fifty yards in the rear. In this order they came down the homestretch, Mollie running easily, with Mattie A. half a length behind under the whip. The former won the heat in 7:38¾, Ballinette, Skaggs and Lodi distanced.

Mollie now sold in the pools at 200 to 50 for Mattie A.

The horses got a good start for the second heat, Mollie a neck ahead. This was a beautiful heat, the horses keeping about neck and neck throughout until they swung into the homestretch, when Mollie forged slightly ahead, and came under the string barely a length in advance, winning the heat, race and first money in 7:52¾, Mattie A. taking the second money. The third and fourth money revert to the society, in accordance with the conditions of the race.

The race was apparently squarely contested, and the result was received with satisfaction to the spectators.

SUMMARY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Inaugural Meeting of the California Oaks, Saturday, Dec. 9, 1876.—Four miles and repeat race for a purse of $10,000, divided into four prizes. No horse to win more than one prize; a distanced horse to get no prize. Over the Bay District course.
Theo. Winter's (California) br m Mollie McCarthy, 3 yrs, by Monday, dam Hennie Farrow.....1 1
W. R. Armstrong's (Michigan) c m Mattie A., 4 yrs, by imp. Australian, dam Minnie Mansfield.....2 2
W. H Brown's (California) s m Ballinette, 3 yrs, by Eclipse, (or Monday), dam Balimia.....dis
E. J. Travis' (Nevada) br m Lola Lodi, aged, by Lodi, dam by Belmont.....dis
N. Randall's (California) b m Emma Skaggs, 5 yrs, by Norfolk, dam Sallie Franklin.....dis
L. R. Martin's (New York) b m Josie C., 3 yrs, by imp. Leamington, dam by Lexington.....dr
C. Reagan's (Idaho) blk m Gentle Annie, 5 yrs, by Baywood, dam by Pat Malloy.....dr
Time—7:38¾, 7:52¾.

Trotting at Brooklyn, N. Y., Driving Park.

BROOKLYN DRIVING PARK TROTTING, Dec. 7.—Sweepstakes $150, mile heats, best 3 in 5, in harness.
F. Hubb's b g Harry H.....1 1 1
J. Laton's b m Lilly.....3 2 2
G. Vasise's b g Dixie.....2 3 3
Time—2:50, 2:51½, 2:58½.

Trotting at Fleetwood, Park, N. Y.

FLEETWOOD PARK, Nov. 29, 1876.—Trotting; match for $200, mile heats, best three in five, in harness.
Thos. Walker's b g Frank.....2 1 1 1
John McGuire's b g Sweetbriar.....1 2 2 2
Time—2:44, 2:48, 2:47¼, 2:49.

FLEETWOOD PARK—TROTTING, Dec. 5.—Sweepstakes $200, mile heats, best three in five, to road wagons.
G. J. Paugborn's b m Wild Girl.....2 1 2 1 2 2 1
Thos. Simmons' b g Slippery Elm.....3 2 1 2 3 1 2
D. Cummings' b m Flora.....1 3 3 3 1 3 3
B. Straus' b m Josie.....dr.
Time—3:14, 3:16, 3:14, 3:11, 3:09, 3:15, 3:15.

Trotting at Lowell, Mass.

LOWELL TROTTING PARK, Nov 27, 1876.—Purse $50, for 2:40 class.
G. J. Worcester's blk g Uncle Dud.....1 1 2 1
Tom McLoughlin's b g Harry.....3 4 1 3
Wm. Welch's b m Nellie Collins.....2 3 3 2
C. H. Hanson's blk m Nellie H.....4 2 5 4
H. Ballou's b g Strafford Boy.....5 5 4 5
Time—2:50, 2:49, 2:45, 2:36.

Trotting at Boston, Mass.

MYSTIC PARK, BOSTON, Nov. 24, 1876.—Match $1,000; mile heats, three in five.
J. Golden's ch m Belle Smith.....1 1 1
J. J. Bowen's br m Mira Belle.....2 2 2
Time—2:33½, 2:29, 2:32.

English Racing.

SHREWSBURY, Nov. 16th the Newport Cup, value 200 sovs, by subscription of 15 sovs each, 10 ft, with 50 added; weight for age, with penalties and allowances; 5 fur.; 11 subs.
Major Stapylton's ch f Speranza by Thormanby out of Princess by Autocrat, 4 yrs, 7st 11lb.....C. Archer 1
Mr. T. Jennings' Ecossais, 5 yrs, 9st 6lb.....J. Goater 2
Captain Prime's Trappist, 4 yrs, 9 st 4lb.....F. Archer 3
Mr. H. Bird's Lowlander, 6yrs, 10st.....G. Page 0

Betting; 7 to 4 against Ecossais, 3 to 1 against Lowlander; 7 to 2 against Speranza, and 4 to 1 against Trappist. Lowlander showed the way, with Speranza lying off to the distance, whence the latter made up her ground, and on the retreat of the old horse half way up came through, and beat Ecossais by a head; three lengths dividing the second and third. The ground was very heavy and the weight told too severely on the gelding.

The Great Shropshire Handicap of 500 sovs, added to a sweepstakes of 25 sovs each, 15 ft; winners extra; new mile; 39 subs.
Lord Howe's b c Tetrarch by Mogadar out of Parma, 3 yrs, 5st 12lb.....W. Macdonald 1
Count F de Lagratge's Lina, 3 yrs, 7st 9lb (inc 5 lb extra).....Morbey 2
Mr. H. Bird's The Ghost, 4 yrs, 7st 9 lb.....Rossiter 3
Mr. T. V. Morgan's Lord Gowran, 6 yrs, 8st 5lb.....C. Wood 0
Mr. A. Baltazzi's Cœruleus, 4 yrs, 8st 4lb.....Maidment 0
Sir J. D. Astley's Hopbloom, 3 yrs, 8st 11lb.....F. Archer 0
Mr. F. Gretton's Pageant 5 yrs, 7st 7lb.....Newhouse 0
Mr. Gerard's Claremont, 4 yrs, 7st 5lb.....C. Archer 0
Mr. E. Potter's Newport, 3 yrs, 7st 2lb.....F. Jeffery 0
Sir G. Chetwynd's Cat's-eye, 4 yrs, 7st 11b (inc 10lb ex)...Chesterman 0
Mr. C. Perain's Hieroglyphic, 4 yrs, 7st.....Fagan 0
Mr. T. Ansley's Water Lily, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb.....J. Macdonald 0
Mr. G. E. Paget's Roehampton, 3 yrs, 6st 6lb.....Morgan 0
Lord Bradford's Euxine, 3 yrs, 5st 13lb.....Hopkins 0

Betting seven to two against Tetrarch, 100 to 15 each against The Ghost, 1-0 to 7 against Hieroglyphic, 100 to 6 each against Hopbloom and Roehampton, 20 to 1 each against Euxine, Pageant, Lina and Claremont, and 1-0 to 3 against any other. The Ghost cut out the work, followed by Tetrarch and Hopbloom, Lord Gowran and Lina holding good places on their right, while Cœruleus, Cat's-eye, Claremont and Newport laid well up with them on the stand side. The first beaten of the advance guard was Hopbloom; and as his stable companion gave way to Tetrarch, Claremont and Newport also began to lose ground. A quarter of a mile from home Lord Gowran was also in difficulties, and Cœruleus dropping out of the race shortly afterward, the issue was left at the distance to a quartette, of whom Lina made a gallant effort at the stand, but never reached the light-weight, and she had to succumb by a length, while "heads apiece" divided her, The Ghost, and Cat's-eye. Clear of these, Lord Gowran, Newport, Claremont, and Euxine came home in the order named, and Water Lily, who did not pass the post, was last of all.

SHREWSBURY, Nov. 17.—The Severn Cup, value 300 sovs, by subscription of 15 sovs each, 10 forfeit, with 100 added; weight for age, with penalties and beaten allowances; the new mile.
Mr. Gerard's b c Claremont by Blair Athol out of Coimbra 4 yrs, 8st 3 lbs.....C. Archer 1
Mr. Phillips' c by King John out of Dr. Temple's dam, 2 yrs, 6st 3lb.....Morgan 2
Sir J. Astley's Hopbloom, 3 yrs, 8st 10 lb.....F. Archer 3
Mr. A. Baltazzi's Cœruleus, 4 yrs, 9st 6 lb.....Maidment 0
Count F de Lagrange's Lina, 3 yrs 8st 10 lb.....Morris 0
Major Stapylton' Speranza, 4 yrs, 9st 6 lb.....T. Cannon 0
Duke of Westminster's Dalham, 5 yrs, 9st 8 lb.....F. Webb 0

Betting: 2 to 1 against Dalham, 5 to 2 against Lina, 6 to 1 against Hopbloom, and 100 to 8 against any other. Claremont made play, Hopbloom going on second, and the King John colt third to the commencement of the enclosure, where the two year old took second place, but never got up, and was beaten after a good race by a neck; a bad third. Cœruleus was fourth, and Speranza last. Claremont broke down while apparently winning the St. Leger in 1875.

WARWICKSHIRE AND LEAMINGTON HUNT MEETING, THIRD DAY, Nov. 23.—The Great Autumn Welter Cup of 200 sovs, by subscription of 20 sovs each, 10 ft.; winners and professionals extra; one mile; 12 subs.
Mr. Gerard's b c Claremont by Blair Athol out of Coimbra, 4 yrs, 10st 11lb (inc 6lb extra).....F. Archer. † w. o.
Mr. J. N. Astley's Empress, 4 yrs, 9 st 11 lb (inc 6lb extra).....T. Cannon †
Mr. Gomm's Advance, 3 yrs, 9st 13lb (inc 6lb extra) S. Goater 3
Sir G. Chetwynd's Hellenist, 3 yrs, 9st 11lb....Mr. Crawshaw 0
Major Stapylton's Josephine, 6 yrs, 10st (inc 6lb extra).....F. Webb 0
Duke of Hamilton's Stopgap, 4 yrs, 9st 11lb (inc 6lb extra).....Custance 0

Betting: 9 to 4 agst Empress, 7 to 2 agst Claremont, 4 to 1 ast Advance, 6 to 1 agst Hellenist, and 100 to 15 agst each of the others. The running was made by Claremont to the six furlong post, where Empress took close order, and as they turned into the straight Advance drew up to their heels. At the distance it looked like a good fight with three, but the youngster was beaten half way up, and Empress immediately reaching Claremont, a fine finish ensued, which resulted in a dead heat and division; Advance being beaten two lengths. Josephine was a bad fourth, and Hellenist last all the way. Claremont showed the temper inherent in the produce of Coimbra.

FOURTH DAY, November 24th.—The Great Midland Counties Handicap of 25 sovs each, 15 ft, with 250 added; winners extra; the second received 20 sovs; two miles; 14 subs.
Mr. F. Gretton's b g Pageant by Elland out of Panoply, 5 yrs, 7st 4lb.....Morgan 1
Mr. Crawford's Prince George, 3 yrs, 7st 11b (inc 7lb ex.....F. Jeffery 2
Sir J. Astley's Scamp, 3 yrs, 8st 11b.....F. Archer 3
Mr. Henage's Freeman, aged, 8st 12lb.....F. Webb 0
Mr. Gerard's Claremont, 4 yrs, 8st 11b (inc 7lb extra) (car 8st 2lb).....Constable 0
Mr. Gomin's Innishowen, 4 yrs, 7st 6lb.....Newhouse 0
Mr. T. Bingham's Fairy King, 4 yrs, 7st 4lb.....Rossiter 0
Mr. T. Jenning's Lady Malden, 3 yrs, 7st.....W. Johnson 0
Mr. J. G. Blake's Tattoo, 4 yrs, 7st.....W. Macdonald 0

Betting: 3 to 1 agst Prince George, 4 to 1 agst Innishowen, 5 to 1 agst Pageant, 7 to 1 agst Scamp, 10 to 1 agst Claremont, and 100 to 8 each agst Lady Malden and Fairy King. Lady Malden led past the stand, followed by the favorite and Pageant, Tattoo being thus early tailed off. The hard pulling Pageant, who had been the first to show in advance, was in front again a little further on, and he and the Lady alternately led to the mile post, whence Innishowen, Fairy King, and Prince George followed them in the order given, while Freeman had joined Tattoo at the tail. The first to give way of the two in advance was Lady Malden; and when Innishowen had cried enough the favorite went after Pageant, but never reached him, and was beaten easily by three lengths. None of the others persevered, and Scamp and Lady Malden were the only others that even cantered home.

MANCHESTER NOVEMBER MEETING, November 24th.—The Manchester November handicap of 10 sovs each, with 200 added; winners extra; the second to receive 20 sovs, and the third to save his stake; about one mile and a half; 14 subs.

Mr. Bowe's b m Polonaise by Adventurer out of Klarineska, 5 yrs, 7st 12lb ..... Dodge 1
Mr. J. Anderson's Mars, 4 yrs 6st 12lbs ..... Frost 2
Mr. Chapman's Owton, 5 yrs, 7st 3lb ..... Sheard 3
Mr. T. Melville's Stamfordham, 4 yrs, 7st 8lb ..... Tomlinson 0
Mr. Lucas' Agglethorpe, 5 yrs, 7st 3lb ..... Fagan 0
Mr. William's Monarch, 4 yrs, 7st 1lb ..... Luke 0
Mr. G. Bryant's Hestia, 4 yrs, 7st 1lb ..... J. Macdonald 0
Mr. G. Trimmer's Laurier, 4 yrs, 6st 13lbs ..... Edwards 0
Mr. Gilby's Birthright, aged, 6st 12lb ..... F. Sharp 0
Mr. W. Robinson's Annie Louise, 5 yrs, 6st 12lb ..... Boag 0
Mr. T. Shepherd's Relic, 4 yrs, 6st 11lb ..... Cutler 0
Mr. F. Swindell's Curate, aged, 6st 6lb (car 6st 10lb) ..... Kirby 0
Mr. R. Howett's St. Estephe, 3 yrs, 5st 12lb ..... Spooner 0
Mr. C. H. Bedford's Jubilant, 3 yrs, 5st 12lb ..... Howey 0

Betting: 5 to 2 against Polonaise, 6 to 1 against Agglethorpe, 100 to 15 each against Stamfordham and St. Estephe, 8 to 1 against Hestia, and 10 to 1 against any other. St. Estephe showed the way, attended by Laurier, with Stamfordham, Hestia, Owton, Mars, and Agglethorpe in advance of the rest for nearly a mile, when Owton rushed to the front, and as he entered the straight Mars and Polonaise became his immediate followers. The latter took up the running at the distance, and holding her own to the end, won by two lengths; a head between second and third. Hestia, Stamfordham, Relic, Annie Louise, Birthright and St. Estephe came home next in the order named, and Monarch was last.

Turf Notes.

Trotting Meetings.

DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

Freeport, Ill.	May 29 to June 1	Prophetstown, Ill.	2d week in Aug.
Fleetwood Park, N. Y.	June 5 to 9	Tiskilwa, Ill.	2d week in Aug.
Dubuque, Iowa	June 5 to 8	Utica, N. Y.	3d week in Aug.
Macomb, Ill.	July 3 to 5	Earlville, Ill.	4th week in Aug.
East Saginaw, Mich	July 17 to 20	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Aug. 21 to 24
Dexter Park, Chicago,	July 17, 18, 19, 20	Macomb, Ill.	Aug. 21 to 24
Cleveland, O.	July 24 to 27	Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 21 to 31
Springfield, Mass.	July 24 to 27	Fleetwood Park, N. Y.	Sept. 4 to 6
Buffalo, N. Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3	Fleetwood Park, N. Y. (Breeders' Meeting)	3d week in Oct.
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 3	Dubuque, Ia.	Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
Rochester, N. Y.	2d week in Aug.		
Mystic Park, Boston,	Sept. 4, 5, 6 and 7		

SALES OF THE ROCK RIVER FARM, MOLINE, ILL.—The most prominent sales made by Mr. S. W. Wheelock during the year, have been the trotting mare Nettie Green, could trot in 2:30. To Mr. Daniel Hayes, of Muscatine, Ia., (owner of Tramp, by Gage's Logan), three Bashaw mares for breeding purposes. The Bashaw blood nicks well with that of the well-bred Tramp; take his fine daughter Trampoline for illustration. Her owner, Mr. C. H. Schermerhorn, of Nevada, Ia., bought of Mr. Wheelock the chestnut colt Rawlins, foaled 1875, by Romulus, out of the old matron Madam Kirkwood, (dam of Kirkwood and others), by Young Green Mountain Morgan. We saw this colt in March last, and were much pleased with him. He was of fine size and Mr. Schermerhorn will use him when developed for stud purposes. A stock company at Prophetstown, Ill., bought a dark bay colt with star and snip, foaled 1874; his dam is Nelly Weeks (record of 2:36), by a son of Bertrand. This colt is held in high esteem, and with care and a little schooling will develop into a fast trottert A fine-gaited gelding, foa ed 1874, by Romulus, out of a mare by Gifford Morgan, was purchased by Mr. Richaid, of the same place. Messrs. Baldwin and brother, of Prophetstown, secured Maggie Davis, by Star Davis; she is with foal by Romulus. Nellie Weeks and Madam Kirkwood with their two colts (fillies), by Captain, were bought by Messrs. McKean and Griswold, Bradford, Ill., also two fillies by Kirkwood, with foal by Romulus, by the same parties. Mr. Wheelock's last sale was was of a large and very promising chestnut colt, white legs to knees, and blaze in face, by Romulus, dam Nancy Switzer, by Sargent's Bashaw (son of Green's Bashaw), 2d dam Yellow Bird (sister to Bashaw, Jr. and dam of Trampoline), by Green's Bashaw, 3d dam by Young Green Mountain Morgan. The purchaser was Dr. Mosher, Prophetstown, Ill. The breeding of this youngster is of a high order, and Mr. W. W. Hamilton (who is in charge of Rock river farm) pronounces him a Dexter both in marks and gait. The first of the get of Romulus was foaled in 1874, and received their first handling this year. One bred by Col. Crockett, of Lake View farm, Coal Valley, Ill., and now the property of the popular Washington, Iowa as trainer and driver, could show a three minute gait last fall to harness. He is pronounced by Mr. Switzer the best colt he has ever owned. The colts of Romulus are uniformly Large, and inherit the best characteristics of the Hambletonian: and as an evidence of the high appreciation with which he is held by breeders in the West, his subscription book was filled early in the season, a number of mares coming even as great a distance as 240 miles. As the stock at Rock River Farm is for sale without reservation, the breeders of the West will consult their interests allowing Romulus to go out of their reach.

THE WALLA WALLA (W. T.) RACES.—The meeting at Bush's Driving Park commenced Nov. 12th, and although the somewhat heavy state of the track precluded fast time, the contests afforded much satisfaction. On the first day was a purse of $150 for the three minute class, which was won by Mr. Glassford's Osgood, beating Mr. Sheldon's Silvia and Mr. Watson's Gen. Sprague. Best time, 2:52½. On the second day, a purse of $100, half-mile heats, was carried off by Mr. Steer's Sleepy Dave, against Sixty-one, Oregon Ruby and Scar-faced Charley. Time, 55 and 55¾ seconds. There was then a trot for a $150 purse, for three year olds, best three in five, won by Mr. Lindsey's Ida Lindsey in three straight heats, beating Hopeless and Captain Jack. Time, 3:30, 3:21 and 3:25.

On the third day the principal event was a running purse of $500, best three in five, in which were entered Mr. Stewart's Monte Christo, Mr. Crabb's Billy Bingham, Mr. Jarrett's Little Tex, and Mr. White's Sank Owens. The track was heavy, and slow time was made. Billy Bingham won the race in three straight heats, with Sank Owens second, Little Tex third. Time, 1:53, 1:54 and 1:54. There was also a trot for $150, which was won by Mr. Nelson's Blue Mountain Boy, after a good contest with Osgood, who won the third heat, and Ida Lindsey. Time, 3:45, 2:42½, 2:45, 2:46.

On the concluding day was a purse of $500, of which Mr. Glassford's Parrott was the winner, against Startle and Lewiston, of which the former was withdrawn for lameness. Time, 2:45, 2:48, 2:42. We should feel obliged to Mr. Bush, as well as to other lessees of tracks, if they would forward us all racing details, as we are thus enabled to give fresher news to our readers.

Fifth day.—Running purse; three quarter mile heats; entries: Sleepy Dave, Osceola, Sank Owens, Oregon Rube and Bummer. Sleepy Dave won in two straight heats. Time, 1:19¾ and 1:20. Running purse; half mile heats entries: Dancing Charley, Fox and Selim. Charley won in two straight heats. Time, 52 and 52½.

Sixth day.—Running purse; mile dash, for two year olds. Entries: Clipper, Gray Arrow and Bulger Dick Clipper won in 2:07½. Running purse; mile and repeat, for three year olds. Entries: Sank Owens, Orilla and Red Cloud. Sank Owens distanced the field on the first heat in 1:51 on a very heavy track.

RACING AT SAN A CRUZ, CAL.—The races which commenced on Nov 21st proved a success as far as the characcer of the sport was concerned, but the attendance was not encouraging to the management. On the first day, the 21st, in the purse of $50 for colts that had never trotted for money, Susan B. Anthony beat Bob Orton and Nellie in two straight heats, the latter being distanced in the first one. For the purse of $50 for the 3:15 class were entered Yolo Tom, Bob Ridley, Grey Rat, and Dan Tuttle, and it was won by the latter, he taking the first, third and fifth heats; while Grey Rat won the fourth, and the second was declared a dead heat. Time, 3:07, 2:58, 2:58, 3:02, 3:03. On the second day Treat won a dash mile match from Kitty Flint 3:22. The half mile heats was won by Sappho, her only opponent being Milpitas. Time, 58 and 52 seconds. Then came a trot for $150, mile and repeat, in which only two started—Bob Ridley and Henry Clay. The former won the first heat, but Clay the two last. Time, 3:04, 3:09, 3:06. On the third day, Bismark beat Rowdy and Grey Rat for a $100 purse, winning the first second and fourth heats, and Rowdy the third, with Grey Rat distanced. Time, 2:53, 2:53, 2:58, 2:51. Then in a running dash of a mile for $50 Sappho beat Milpitas in 1:52; and in conclusion Bob Ridley and Henry Clay contested for another purse, when although the drivers were changed and again, the judges declared it a chuck, and called all bets off.

SALES OF TROTTING STOCK.—Mr. Ed. P. Gaines, Scott county, Ky., has sold to C. J. Hamlin, Esq., Buffalo, N. Y., the trotting brood mare, Maggie Gaines, the dam of Almont, Jr., by Blood's Blackhawk, a two-year-old Almont colt and a mare eight years old by Clark Chief....Joseph W. Lail sold to R. S. Strader his bay combined saddle and harness mare Lucy, by Carpenter & Utz's Black Denmark, dam by Old Berthune....R. S. Strader has shipped to Robert Bonner, New York City, Mr. Robert Bonner's bay filly by Mambrino Patchen, dam the dam of Grafton... Mr. H. Anderson, Dayton, O., has bought of Mr. Geo. St. Clair, Hamilton, O., the young trotter Bill Allen, 4 years old, by Gen. Gifford, dam by Tom Rolf....G. W. St. Clair, of Hamilton, O., has sold to R. S. Strader an eight-year-old gelding by Tom Rolf, dam a fast trotting mare brought from the North. This gelding is an exceedingly fast pacer, untrained, having showed a quarter in thirty-four seconds to wagon. Tom Rolf is by Pugh's Aratus, dam the celebrated old pacing mare Pocahontas, with a record of 2:17¼. Tom Rolf's record, 2:33½.... Messrs. Macey Bros., Versailles, Ky., has sold to Mr. Charles Kahn, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio, the bay filly Blanch Ferguson, four years old, by American Clay, dam by Bay Messenger; to Col. John W. Hall, same place, the premium mare Desdemona, for $850; to Mr. F. Kennedy, Pittsburg, Pa., a pair of bay coach horses, 16 hands high, for $700; to a New Orleans party a pair of mares for $425....Col. R. P. Pepper, South Elkhorn Stock Farm, Frankfort, Ky., has sold to Mr. C. H. Dunlap, Mount Sterling, Ill., the yearling Almont colt Amber, by Almont, dam Patti, by Mambrino Chief; 2d dam by Park's Highlander; 3d dam by Grey Eagle; 4th dam by Bertrand; Menloza; imp. Medley; imp. Bolton; Yorick. This remarkably bred youngster represents a very fashionable cross, and should be a most valuable stock horse, while his breeding is almost a guarantee of speed. The price paid by Mr. Dunlap is $1,250 ..Mr. Abe Straus, New York city, shipped Saturday, Dec. 2d, from Lexington, Ky., a car load of fourteen well-bred trotters and harness stock to New York. Amongst them were three bought from A. J. Alexander, Esq., Woodburn Stock Farm, Spring Station, Ky., namely: Afterglow, gr f 4 yrs old, by Belmont, dam Diana by Pilot, Sr., grandam Grey Goose; Grandpere, b g, 5 yrs old, by Belmont, dam Grey Goose by Nottingham's Norman, and Sandstone, gr g, 4 yrs old, own brother to Grandpere.

BREAKING THE MUSTANG.—The *Silver State* gives the following method of breaking wild colts by the Mexican vaquero: The great attraction just new is at the railroad cattle coral, where three vaqueros are engaged in breaking wild horses belonging to Col. Hardin and others. The vaquero lasso the wild animals, invariably throwing them flat on the ground, in which position they are bridled and blindfolded, and then permitted to get up. A saddle is then placed on the trembling steed's back and encircled tight, after which one of the vaqueros mounts the animal. The blind is then removed; the animal stands still a moment, and then jumps stiff legged, and plunges ahead in the vain endeavor to dismount his rider, who retains his position, and spurring the infuriated beast runs him until he is completely exhausted, after which the saddle is removed and the animal set at liberty. The vaqueros are splendid riders, and as far as we have heard have not been thrown by any of the horses.

SALES OF THOROUGHBEDS.—Mr A. D. Brown, Baltimore, Md., hat bought of Mr. S. C. Smith, of same city, the bay colt Problem, 3 years old, by Pimlico, dam Mystery by imp. Australian. Dr. J. S. Cattanach, New York City, has sold to Maj. B. G. Thomas, Lexington, Ky, bay colt Lelaps, 4 years old, by imp. Leamington, out of imp. Pussy by Diophantus.....Messrs. McIntyre & Nichols, Paris, Ky., have sold to Mr. Geo. W. Bowen, Shawhan Station, Ky., the bay filly Tillie Brent, 3 years old, by imp. Pheton, dam Nettie Viley, for $800....Maj. B. G. Thomas, Lexington, Ky., has sold to Dr. J. S. Cattanach, New York City, the bay gelding Bencher, 3 years old, by Brown Dick, out of Benicia by Jack Malone. Bencher was sold in the trade for Lelaps made by these gentlemen.

DEATH OF BEACON.—This fine race horse died at Pine Grove, Texas, on Nov. 20th. He was foaled in 1861 by Lexington, out of Bay Leaf by imp Yorkshire, the dam of Rubicon, Bayonet, Baywood, Bayswater and Mr. M. H. Sanford's, grand old race horse Preakness now in E. gland. He was a good race horse in his day, but like many sons of illustrious sires, his opportunities in the stud were limited. The best of his get which have been tried are Maid of Orange, Lady Washington, and Cora Linn that ran respectably at the recent Louisiana Club meeting.

A HEAVY PURCHASER.—Dr. Somerville, a leading horse-dealer in Canada, has purchased the trotting horse Simon, belonging to Dr. Woodruff of London, Ont., on behalf of a gentleman in Glasgow, Scotland, for the largest price ever paid for a horse in that section of the Dominion. Dr. Somerville has purchased this year, in the neighborhood of London, Ont., $47,000 worth of horses for the American market.

CALIFORNIA TURF.—The directors of Oakland Park are about offering a large purse for a race of two mile-heats to take place over their track some time after the Oaks has been run. This is to allow time for a more thorough acclimation of the Eastern mares. This race would prove one of the best of the year, as they have a number of horses that can go very fast that distance.

HOPEFUL.—The fine trotting gelding Hopeful, by Godfrey's Patchen, was summered at the stable of Mr. Walton, Sr., in Boston, during which time he was treated for the trouble in his near fore foot. He is fully recovered and has been taken to New York to winter. If a tithe of his former self, he will be apt to make the "free for all" class warm, in the circuit of 1877.

TROTTERS WINTERING AT BRIGHTON.—Mr. A. D. Carson is wintering the following trotters at his stable in Brighton, near Boston, Mass., viz.: Royal John, gray gelding, by Woodstock Morrill; record 2:26½. Kitty D., brown mare, a descendant of the Tuckahoe tribe; record 2:26½. Georgie B., chestnut mare, a member of the Drew family; record 2:31.

SALE OF A GEN. KNOX MARE.—W. C. Fair, veterinary surgeon of Cleveland, O., has sold to G. W. Gale, of Ypsilanti, Mich., his brown mare, by Gen. Knox, dam by Brandywine. She is 15½ hands, and had shown 2:41 when four years old. Mr. Gale intends her for a broodmare. She is now in foal to Rigadoon by Knickerbocker. Price paid, $450.

SALE OF GREAT EASTERN'S HALF BROTHER.—George Hammill, of Rome, N. Y., has sold to John D. Gilbert, of Adams, N. Y., his colt Tommy Hollins. This colt is half brother to Great Eastern. Tommy Hollins was sired by Autocrat, shows great bursts of speed, and bids fair to equal the wonderful speed of his brother, Great Eastern.

BILL THUNDER AND JOHN W. HALL.—These geldings each with a record of 2:25 are now owned in New York and driven on the road. They drive very evenly and are pronounced to be the best pole team on the road at present. Bill Thunder secured his record at the late meeting of the Kentucky Breeders Association.

SALE OF RIGADOON.—Rigadoon, by Knickerbocker, dam Nelly Stitt full sister to Mr. Backman's Emma Hoyt, by American Star, was sold last week by Dr. Van Hummell, of Cleveland, to Mr. G. M. Hoover, of Bradford, O., for $3,000. He will succeed Scott's Hiatoga, now dead in in the stud.

SALE OF CALIFORNIA TROTTERS.—Messrs. Crego & Bowley sold the celebrated mares Sweetbriar and May Howard on Nov. 23d at auction. The former brought $5,200, and Dr. Welch was the purchaser, and Mr. Richard Gentry bought May Howard for $2,900. Bill Ross was sold for $380 Jim Eoff for $150, and a gray team brought $826.

NATHAN COOMBS.—This fine race horse pulled up very lame in his exercise two weeks ago. Fears of a breakdown had been entertained but it is now thought the injury will not be permanent. He was the winner of the recent two-mile heat race at Oakland Park.

SALE OF WHITE STOCKINGS.—Mr P. F. Sharp, Brazil, Ind., has sold his speedy running mare White Stockings to an Indianapolis gentleman. The consideration was six hundred dollars.

OAKLAND.—This old trotter was sold in San Francisco recently for $70.

TROTTERS WINTERING AT MYSTIC AND BEACON PARKS.—Jas. Golden has the following in his stables at Mystic Park Course: Comee's record, 2:22¼, by Daniel Lambert, dam by imported Balrownie; Dick Swiveler, 2:26, by Walkill Chief, dam by Harry Clay; Ned Wallace, 2:25, by Taggart's Abdallah; Belle Smith, 2:29; Dick Moore, 2:30, by Belmont; Fearnaught Prince, 2:36, by Fearnaught, and Graceful 2:40, by Smith's Honest Allen. Mr. Golden has become one of the most popular drivers in the East, and he is deservedly successful.

Mike Carroll is wintering at Beacon Park: In addition to the old settler Ben Starr (Lexington) he is looking after the welfare of the following: Driving Wind, bay mare, 5 yrs old, by Mambrino Prince (Brignoli) dam May Queen, sister to Bonner's Pocahontas, by Ethan Allen; 2d dam the famous pacer Pocahontas, owned by Mr. W. P. Balch, as are also the two following, viz: Hurricane, bay colt, 3 yrs old, by Fearnaught, dam May Queen and Jim, bay colt, 4 yrs old, by Mambrino Prince. Mr. Carroll is also "schooling" the young stallion Chester, the property of Mr. John Stewart, a 5 year-old, by Jay Gould, dam Jennie Spencer, by young Columbus; 2d dam by Abdallah.

SHIPMENT OF YEARLINGS.—Col. D. McDaniel, Princeton, N. J., shipped from M. B. Gratz' Springbrook Stud Farm, Spring Station, Ky., the following yearlings that were purchased by him and kept at Springbrook Stud Farm since their purchase in June last: Chestnut colt, brother to Harry Bassett, by Lexington, dam Canary Bird by imp. Albion; chestnut colt by Planet, out of Sally Lewis by imp. Glencoe; bay colt by Baywood, out of Lazy (Vagrant's dam) by imp. Scythian, and chestnut filly by imp. Glenelg, out of Finesse by Lexington, and a three-year-old chestnut colt by Exchequer. The brother to Harry Bassett was quite lame when purchased, but he has entirely recovered under the direction of Dr. Hirsh.—*Kentucky Live Stock Record.*

RED CLOUD.—The general condition of the noted trotting gelding Red Cloud with a record of 2:18 is reported to be first-class. His leg is once more strong; a fact which was amply demonstrated by his trot in the mud last September at Fort Wayne. There are several candidates for the "free for all" class which have been laid on the shelf the past season and as there are good reports of their improvement and recovery from their infermities their class will create considerable interest the coming season.

THE EGYPTIAN HORSE PLAGUE.—Great apprehensions are felt that the Egyptian horse plague may spread by the caravan routes in Syria, and thence into Asia and Europe. The multitudes of festering corpses of horses which have died of plague and been thrown into the Nile or into canals or ponds have contaminated the water and the atmosphere, and cholera is imminent.

DEATH OF A TRAINER.—At Evansville, Ind., on the 2d inst., James Brockey, a trainer and driver of trotters, was found dead in one of the sleeping apartments of the Warwick House, in that city. It is presumed his death was brought about by an overdose of laudanum.

A NEW TRACK.—A party of gentlemen of Watsonville, California are about to lease a quantity of land in Monterey county for the purpose of making a race track. Prominent men have the matter in hand and will probably make it a success.

ANOTHER BIG RACE.—The Bay District (California) Association announce a great purse of four miles and repeat, free for all runners, on Saturday, December 30th, for a purse of $5,000; the entries to close on Thursday, December 7th, next.

LEYBOURNE, a celebrated English trotter, died on Nov. 6th from internal injuries maliciously inflicted upon him on Oct. 30 or 31. A reward of £200 is offered for information which will lead to the conviction of the offenders.

CHARLESTON.—Mr. W. H. Harris, of this city, has purchased of the Hon. Isaac Harris, of Caledonia, Ontario, the gray gelding Charleston for $1,250. Isaac Harris, Jr., will probably handle him the next season.

SANTA ROSA TRACK.—The new half mile track at Santa Rosa, Cal., was inaugurated by a trot that was won by Mr. Lockwood's Hannah, in three straight heats, beating Lake and Mother-in law. Best time, 3:04.

SALE OF MERCADOR.—Major Campbell Brown, Springfield, Tenn., has bought of Capt. T. T. Turner, St. Louis, Mo., the yearling trotting colt Mercador, by Merchant, dam Lady Champion by Old Champion.

ARRIVED OUT.—Goldsmith Maid, Sam Purdy and the galaxy of equine stars accompanying them, arrived safely at the Bay District Course on December 2d. A hearty welcome was in store for them.

SALE OF READBURN.—Mr. Mat. Turner, Albany, N. Y., has bought of Mr. W. J. Moore, the two-year-old bay filly Readburn, by Victor Von Bismarck, son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian.

DEATH OF AN OLD BROOD MARE.—Mr. Charles Powers, of Bronson, Mich., lost by death recently a once valuable brood mare 34 years old. She produced her last foal at 24 years.

GENTILLA.—This chestnut mare by Golddust, the property of Mr. John A. Sawyer, of Boston, has been bred to the fine and fast trotting stallion Jubilee Lambert.

KATE BENNETT.—The Blue Bull trotting mare Kate Bennett, record 2:29¼, has been bred to his young stallion Pocahontas Boy. She missed last Spring to Almont.

PAUL WALTERS' STABLE.—Lady Star, record of 2:24; Pilot Temple, 2:24½, and Sucker State, pacer, 2:26, are at Galveston, Texas, in charge of Paul Walters.

English Turf Notes.

F. ARCHER.—At the Warwickshire and Leamington hunt meeting the "lucky jockey," F. Archer, rode his two hundreth winning mount on Lord Duplin's Le Promeneur. No other jockey has ever scored such a number of wins in a single season, and this is the first time that such has been done. But fortune did not cry, "hold enough;" she smiled on, and during the meeting Archer scored six more wins, bringing his total up to 206. During the meeting above mentioned he had 20 mounts, 9 wins, 3 seconds, 3, thirds, and was not placed in the remainder. His receipts were certainly $500, besides the sums he received beyond his riding fee from the owners of his winning mounts. He has ridden over 650 races, or somewhat over 3 races a day, excluding Sundays, during the season.

SALES.—The horses belonging to the noble lord who races under the name of Mr. Herbert Bird, were sent up to Albert Gate to be sold, but as they had mostly reserves upon them beyond the appreciation of the very strong attendance some of them returned to their stable. Chief among these was the famous Lowlander, whose victorious career was checked by the speedy son of Vidette, Galopin. Just before that famous match, £7,000 had been offered and refused for the big brown, but his recent running has been such that nobody would bid the £7,000 which was generally known to be his reserve price. Talisman who as Figaro II. once had high pretensions and last year showed himself a good distance horse, was sold for less than half what he cost at the end of last season. The Ghost, who showed some short distance form this past season, was supposed to have been bought in for his stable at 1,150 gs., and Concha, who will probably turn out a good cup horse next year, was sold cheaply at the price, 900 gs. Nap, a two year old brown colt, by Macaroni-Slumber, realized 320 gs.

Mr. G. Paget's the Chieftain, 5 years, c h, by Mandrake-The Thane, by Stockwell, combining the blood of the king of sires with that of the queen of dams—Mandragora, realized 220 gs. Roehampton, by Lord Clifden-Summer's Eve, 3 years, brought 300 gs.; and the force of fashionable blood was shown by Combination, 3 years, by Distin-The Selected, a daughter of Umpire only bringing 25 gs.

Mr. Johnstone cast off a couple from his stable bay three-year old colts both; Charles Edward, well named, by Pretender—Lady Ripon by Stockwell, realized 200 gs, but King's Lynn by the Palmer only brought 50 gs.

Mr. C. Price picked up something that may breed him a Galopin, if he can only find a nick for the fine blood in her veins, when he bought a bay mare seven years old by Caterer—Summerside, the latter being the winner of the Oaks in 1859.

Among the noticeable features of the past year's racing in England was the untoward collapse of the A. Baltazzi stable toward the end of the season. When they seemed to have everything within their grasp they failed to win a single good race.

Lord Lyon by Stockwell—Paradigm, the triple victor of 1866, seems to be the coming scion of the king of stallions, for his two-year-olds of 1876 have shown very fine form. Cran Tair has shone up wonderfully as a winner of nurseries, and the others of his get that have shown prominently are Placida, Touchet, Lady Ronald, Sabrina, La Cigale and Tantalus, and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that some Lord Lyon will win a bracket in one or more of the great races next year.

Arbitrator by Solon out of True Heart by Musjid, the sire of Rosicrucian and Blue Gown, won a nursery at the Warwickshire and Leamington Hunt meeting in such style that he may be called a high class animal.

Racing and Trotting.

Louisiana Jockey Club—Fall Meeting.

SECOND DAY—DEC. 5.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 5th.—Second day, Louisiana Jockey Club—First race, the Orleans Stakes for three year olds, $25 p. p., $400 added; second to have $75. Value $425.

A. K. Richards' ch f Clemmie G., by War Dance, dam Alexandra..... 1
A. K. Richards' b c Henry Owens, by Gilroy, dam Estelle..... 2
G. B. Morris' Uncle Tom, by Uncle Vic, dam Maid of the Mill..... 3
Time—3:41.

Clemmie G. was the favorite.

SAME DAY—Second Race—Purse $250; $200 to first, $50 to second; 100 lbs on each, three-year olds to carry their proper weights; 3 lbs to mares and geldings. One mile.

A. K. Richards' b c Redman, 4 yrs old by War Dance, dam by Solferino..... 1
H. Askey's ch f Coriander, 4 yrs old, by Rebel, dam Aurelia Westheimer..... 2
M. Welch's b g Port Leonard, aged, by Voucher, dam Prunella..... 3
Time—1:45¾.

Redman favorite 2 to 1 over the others.

SAME DAY—Third Race—Purse $500 $500, for all ages, $400 to first; $100 to second.

W. Cottrill's ch c Gen. Harney, 4 yrs old, by Pat Malloy, dam Yellow Bird.....1 2 1
P. Leach's br c Whipsaw, 4 yrs old, by Hiawatha, dam Boquet..3 1 2
J. C. Murphy's b g War Jig, aged, by War Dance, dam Dixie ...2 3 ro
Williams & Owings' b h Fair Play, 5 yrs old by Virgil, dam Crucifix.....4 4 ro
R. W. Crawford's ch c George Quinnin, 3 yrs old, by Bulletin, dam by Rupee.....5 dis
Time—3:43, 3:41¾, 3:51.

Gen. Harney was the favorite. First heat won by three-quarters of a length, the second by a neck the third by a nose.

THIRD DAY—DEC. 7TH.

On the third day of the Fall meeting of the Louisiana Jockey Club the first race was a handicap hurdle race, two miles, for a purse of $400, which was won by Port Leonard, beating Redding, Red Cloud and Woodland in the order named. Time, 3:49. In the pools before the race Redding sold for $250, Woodland $50 and the field, consisting of Port Leonard and Red Cloud $22.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Third day, Dec. 7.—First race, handicap hurdle race; purse $400, two miles.

M. Welch's b g Port Leonard, by Voucher, dam Prunella..... 1
A. K. Richards' b c Redding, by Planet, dam by Glencoe..... 2
E. Harrison's ch h Red Cloud, by Reddy..... 3
W. R. Babcock's b c Woodland, by Brown Dick..... 0
Time—3:49.

SAME DAY.—Second race.—Dash of a mile and three quarters; purse $300.

A. Keene Richards' ch f Clemmie G., by War Dance, dam Alexandra. 1
J. C. Murphy's b g War Jig, by War Dance, dam Dixie 2
R. W. Crawford's ch c Geo. Quinnin, by Bulletin, dam by Rupee.... 3
Wm. Cottrell's ch c Donough, by Blarney Stone, dam Lillie Ward.... 0
E. Harrison's b h Falmouth, by Planet, dam Red Rose..... 0
Time—3:09¼.

In the pools before the race Clemmie G. was the favorite, selling at 5 to 1 the field.

The Third Race—Which were mile heats, best three in five, for a purse of $500.

J. C. Murphy's br c Bob Woolley by imp Leamington dam Item.....1 1 2 1
H. Askey's ch f Coronella by Rebel dam Aurelia Westheimer.2 1 1 2
A. Keene Richard's b c Henry Owens by Gilray dam Estelle..3 2 3 ro
F. Lloyd's ch c Lloyd's Colt.....4 3 4 ro
Williams & Owing's b h Fair Play.....dis
Time—1:45, 1:46¼, 1:44¾, 1:47.

This was a closely contested and exciting race. Bob Woolley was the favorite in the pools.

The weather was cloudy, with a light rain. The attendance was small.

FOURTH DAY—DEC. 9TH.

On the last day of the Fall meeting of the Louisville Jockey Club. The weather was clear and cool, the attendance small and the track a little heavy.

The First Race.—Howard Stakes, mile dash, was won by Eva Shirley, Cora Linn second, Madge Duke third, Hattie P. fourth. Time—1:52½.

Pools on the track:—Eva Shirley, $25; Madge Duke, $21; the field, $17.

The Second Race.—Mile dash for a consolation purse of $550, was won by Coronella, Henry Owens second, Sundown colt third, Falmouth fourth. Time, 1:50½.

The Third Race.—Four mile heats, for a purse of $800, was won by General Harney in two straight heats, Uncle Tom second, Whipsaw third, War Jig fourth, Port Leonard distanced. Time, 7:55¾, 8:20½.

Pools on the track:—General Harney, $75; Whipsaw, $35; War Jig, $25; the field, $10.

SUMMARY.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 9th.—Last day of the Louisiana Jockey Club Fall meeting. First race. The Howard Stakes, $25 each, $500 added; dash of a mile.

J. W. Guests' b f Eva Shirley by imp Glenelg dam Edeney by Hunter's Glencoe..... 1
J. W. Green's b f Cora Linn by Bacon dam Sarah McDonald..... 2
Williams & Owen's b f Madge Duke by Bayonet dam Tick..... 3
Minor & Pierson's ch f Hattie P. by Tom Greene dam Regret.....dis
Time—1:52½.

SAME DAY.—Second race; consolation purse, $250; dash of a mile.

H. Akey's ch f Coronella, by Rebel, dam Aurelia Westheimer.....1
A. Keene Richard's b c Henry Owens, by Gilroy, dam Estella.....2
M. Welch's colt, b Sundown.....3
E. Harrison's b h Falmouth, by Planet, dam Red Rose.....4
Time—1:50½.

SAME DAY.—Third race; purse $800; four mile heats.

W. Cottrell's ch c Gen. Harney, by Pat Malloy, dam Yellow Bird. 1 1
G. B. Morris' b c Uncle Tom, by Uncle Vic, dam Maid of the Mill..3 2
P. Leach's br c Whipsaw, by Hiawatha, dam Boquet.....2 3
J. C. Murphy's b g War Jig, by War Dance, dam Dixie.....4 4
M. Welch's b g Port Leonard, by Voucher, dam Prunella.....dis
Time—7:55¼, 8:20½.

The California Turf.

SUMMARY.

OAKLAND PARK, Nov. 22, 1876.—Trotting purse, $500; $250 to first; $125 to second, $75 to third, $50 to fourth. Mile heats, best 3 in 5, in harness.

Geo. F. Jacobs' gr m Sweetbriar.....1 4 2 1 1
D. Dennison's bl h General Reno.....4 1 1 3 2
E. D. Yates' b m Alice.....2 2 3 2 3
Jno. Williams' ch g Gov. Stanford.....3 3 4 4 4
Time—2:32½—2:33½—2:32¾—2:31½—3:32.

Betting, Sweetbriar $16, Stanford $40, Reno $6, Alice $5. After first heat $30 to $15 on Sweetbriar.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT SOCIETY, Los Angelos, Nov. 14th and 15th; trotting; for District three year olds; purse, $150, mile heats, three in five.

H. M. Johnson's br c San Diego.....1 0 4 2 1 1
L. J. Rose's b m Beckie Sharp.....2 0 2 1 2 3
E. H. Jones' br c Dombey.....3 4 1 3 4 2
Wm. Smith's blk m Meliss.....4 3 3 4 3 dr
Time—2:53½—2:52½—2:54—2:50½—2:58—2:57½.

SAME DAY.—Trotting; purse $400, for horses that never beat 3:00; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.

Wm. Smith's blk m Nell Crockett.....1 1 1
T. O. Mott's b m Maggie Mitchell.....2 3 2
L. J. Rose's s m Barnes' Idol.....3 2 3
Time—2:35¼, 2:41, 2:41.

SAME DAY.—Purse $150, free for all District horses; Aileen Oge and all thoroughbreds barred; one mile dash; weight for age; $100 to first, $50 to second.

J. H. Myers' b g Tower..... 1
N. A. Corvarubia's c h George Temple..... 2
M. A. Fester's b f Flora..... 3
Time—1:49½.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, Los Angelos, Nov. 18th.—Trotting race, two mile heats; premium $400; $225 to first, $125 to second and $50 to third horse; free only for all horses entered in the 2:45 and 3:00 purses.

L. J. Rose's s m Barnes' Idol.....1 3 1
T. D. Moot's b m Maggie Mitchell.....3 2 2
W. Llewellyn's s g Gladstone.....2 1 3
H. T. Hazard's b g Pilot Chief.....4 4 4
Time—5:16¼, 5:25¾, 5:28.

C. A. Durfee's g g Major and H. McGregory's b m Nell Crockett were drawn.

BAY DISTRICT COURSE, Nov. 25, 1876.—Trotting purse, $300; mile heats, best three in five, in harness.

Geo F. Jacob's g m Sweetbliar..... 1 1 1
D. Dennison's bl h General Reno..... 3 2 2
John Williams' ch g Governor Stanford..... 2 3 3
O. A. Hickok's b g Red Cross..... drawn.
Time—2:31¾—2:30¼—2:29.

BAY DISTRICT COURSE, Nov. 25th and 27th—Purse $100; mile heats.

Owner's Kitty Clark..... 0 1 2 1 1
Owner's Gracie..... 0 2 1 2 2
Owner's Lady Emma..... 3 3 3 3 3
Owner's Gabe Smith..... 4 4 4 4 4
Time—2:37¼, 2:37, 2:37¾, 2:36, 2:40.

BAY DISTRICT COURSE, Nov. 30, 1876.—Trotting purse, $500; for horses which have never beaten 2:35; mile heats, best 3 in 5, in harness.

C. Lusk's br g General Cobb..... 1 1 1
Mizner Bro's ch m Nelly Patchen..... 2 2 2
O. Smiley's b m Kitty Clark..... 3 3 3
J. L. Eoff's b m Gracie..... 4 4 4
P. Bronlow's ch g Miller..... drawn.
Time—2:35, 2:31¼, 2:32.

THE PHILADELPHIA TWENTY MILE MATCH.—Some of the shrewd turfmen of the Centennial City have been "taken into camp" by a granger with a genuine laster in the shape of a homely black mare, after considerable fun had been poked at him. It says: The black mare Queen accomplished the feat of trotting 20 miles inside of 80 minutes, on Tuesday afternoon, for a wager of $300 a side, with 8 minutes and 50 seconds to spare.

Some three weeks ago a very ordinary specimen of an equine dealer made his appearance at the old Wm. Penn stables (now National Cab Company's), on Filbert street, below Ninth, and made arrangements for the keeping of some six or seven horses that were for sale. Billy Merryhew, the stable superintendent, immediately provided the necessary accommodations for the quadrupeds. His particular attention was called to one, a very rough looking black mare, which, although lame, and in (apparently) very ordinary condition, was said to be a trotter of immense staying qualities. The best in the stable was none too good for the Queen, as she was called, and the stable employes were warned to keep clear of her heels, as she was said to have a will of her own, and, in all probability, might assist out of her stall any interlopers who might wish to become familiar with her fine points.

Considerable amusement was had at the expense of the owner of this nondescript in the shape of horse flesh, A. H. Perdue, of Salisbury, Maryland, who appeared to think there never were so many good and bad qualities concentrated in so much hide, as this mare had.

When he asked $200 for the mare, those well versed in the price of horseflesh ridiculed the idea, and the general impression was that the gentleman from Maryland had his Centennial clothes on, and expected to realize Centennial prices for his stock when the Centennial had closed, and the market was full of horses waiting for purchasers.

But when he offered to trot the mare twenty miles in eighty minutes or less, any time inside of two weeks, good day and track, the boys imagined they had the countryman for a sure thing, and at once told him to "put up or shut up," never for once imagining that he meant business, supposing the talk was all chin music, such as is usually indulged in when an attempt is made to dispose of some old broken down hackney.

Perdue quietly drew from his home-spun duster a plethoric looking calf-skin, containing several of Uncle Sam's promises to pay, in the shape of greenbacks, and drew therefrom an even hundred, saying, "cover that for a forfeit, and the balance will be forthcoming on the day of the race." The amount was immediately covered by one of our speculative sports, aided and assisted by others on the lay for snaps. The articles were soon drawn up, the forfeit posted and the day named, which was to be Tuesday, the 5th of December, good day and track. Fortunately for Mr. Perdue and mare the day and track were all that could be desired, and from the lengthened visages of those directly interested on Father Time, stocks appeared to be down. However, with the usual perversity and gameness of our sporting fraternity, the boys did not weaken, but made good the three hundred dollars per agreement, making $600 in the purse to be trotted for.

Some two hundred persons assembled at Point Breeze Park, to witness the result. The betting at the track was nearly two to one on the mare, and was readily accepted by the backers of time. At just seven minutes before three o'clock P. M., the mare got the word. She started on an easy jog, making the first mile in 3:20. She kept on at about that gait for the next three miles, when she eased up and trotted in about 3:48 from that out. She appeared to be going easy, occasionally spurting for a few hundred yards, and then coming back to a six minute gait. She made the twenty miles with ease in seventy-one minutes and ten seconds. The mare showed very little distress, and looked able to go another twenty the same afternoon. She trotted her best mile in 3:36.

The boys who picked up the Queen and her country friend for duffers caught a pair of Tartars.

SUMMARY.

POINT BREEZE PARK, Phila., Dec. 5, 1876.—Match against time for a purse of $600; to trot twenty miles in eighty minutes.

A. H. Perdue's blk m Queen.....Won
Time.....Lost
Time—71:10.

The California Oaks.

The inaugural of the California Oaks took place on Dec. 9th. The purse was $10,000, divided into four monies. The weather was fine, the track in good condition and the attendance large. Mollie McCarthy, Mattie A., Ballinette, Emma Skaggs and Lola Lodi started. Josie C. and Gentle Annie, who were also entered, were withdrawn. In the pools before the race Mollie McCarthy sold at 110, Mattie A. at 60 and the field at 20.

The horses got off well together at a quarter to three P. M, Mollie McCarthy drew slightly ahead, and at the half mile had the lead by half a length, Skaggs second, Lodi and Mattie A. about two lengths behind, Ballinette trailing. These positions were maintained with scarcely any change to the end of the third mile, when Ballinette closed up and Skaggs fell behind. At the half of the fourth mile Mollie was still in the lead, with Mattie A. close behind, Ballinette and Lodi together a couple of lengths behind and Skaggs fifty yards in the rear. In this order they came down the homestretch, Mollie running easily, with Mattie A. half a length behind under the whip. The former won the heat in 7:38¾. Ballinette, Skaggs and Lodi distanced.

Mollie now sold in the pools at 200 to 50 for Mattie A.

The horses got a good start for the second heat, Mollie a neck ahead. This was a beautiful heat, the horses keeping about neck and neck throughout until they swung into the homestretch, when Mollie forged slightly ahead, and came under the string barely a length in advance, winning the heat, race and first money in 7:52¾, Mattie A. taking the second money. The third and fourth money revert to the society, in accordance with the conditions of the race.

The race was apparently squarely contested, and the result was received with satisfaction to the spectators.

SUMMARY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Inaugural Meeting of the California Oaks, Saturday, Dec. 9, 1876.—Four miles and repeat race for a purse of $10,000, divided into four prizes. No horse to win more than one prize; a distanced horse to get no prize. Over the Bay District course.

Theo. Winter's (California) br m Mollie McCarthy, 3 yrs, by Monday, dam Hennie Farrow.....1 1
W. R. Armstrong's (Michigan) c m Mattie A., 4 yrs, by imp. Australian, dam Minnie Mansfield.....2 2
W. H Brown's (California) s m Ballinette, 3 yrs, by Eclipse, (or Monday), dam Balimia.....dis
E. J. Travis' (Nevada) br m Lola Lodi, aged, by Lodi, dam by Belmont.....dis
N. Randall's (California) b m Emma Skaggs, 5 yrs, by Norfolk, dam Sallie Franklin.....dis
L. R. Martin's (New York) b m Josie C., 3 yrs, by imp. Leamington, dam by Lexington.....dr
C. Reagan's (Idaho) blk m Gentle Annie, 5 yrs, by Baywood, dam by Pat Malloy.....dr
Time—7:38¾, 7:52¾.

Trotting at Brooklyn, N. Y., Driving Park.

BROOKLYN DRIVING PARK TROTTING, Dec. 7.—Sweepstakes $150, mile heats, best 3 in 5, in harness.

F. Hubb's b g Harry H.....1 1 1
J. Laton's b m Lilly.....3 2 2
G. Vasise's b g Dixie.....2 3 3
Time—2:50, 2:51½, 2:58½.

Trotting at Fleetwood, Park, N. Y.

FLEETWOOD PARK, Nov. 29, 1876.—Trotting; match for $200, mile heats, best three in five, in harness.

Thos. Walker's b g Frank.....2 1 1 1
John McGuire's b g Sweetbriar.....1 2 2 2
Time—2:44, 2:48, 2:47¼, 2:49.

FLEETWOOD PARK—TROTTING, Dec. 5.—Sweepstakes $200, mile heats, best three in five, to road wagons.

G. Paugborn's b m Wild Girl.....2 1 2 1 2 2 1
Thos. Simmons' b g Slippery Elm.....3 2 1 2 3 1 2
D. Cummings' b m Flora.....1 3 3 3 1 3 3
B. Straus' b m Josie..... dr.
Time—3:14, 3:16, 3:14, 3:11, 3:09, 3:15, 3:15.

Trotting at Lowell, Mass.

LOWELL TROTTING PARK, Nov 27, 1876.—Purse $50, for 2:40 class.

G. J. Worcester's blk g Uncle Dud.....1 1 2 1
Tom McLoughlin's b g Harry.....3 4 1 3
Wm. Welch's b m Nellie Collins.....2 3 3 2
C. H. Hanson's blk m Nellie H.....4 2 5 4
H. Ballou's b g Strafford Boy.....5 5 4 5
Time—2:50, 2:49, 2:45, 2:36.

Trotting at Boston, Mass.

MYSTIC PARK, BOSTON, Nov. 24, 1876.—Match $1,000; mile heats, three in five.

J. Golden's ch m Belle Smith.....1 1 1
J. J. Bowen's br m Mira Belle.....2 2 2
Time—2:33½, 2:29, 2:32.

English Racing.

SHREWSBURY, Nov. 16th the Newport Cup, value 200 sovs, by subscription of 15 sovs each, 10 ft, with 50 added; weight for age, with penalties and allowances; 5 fur.; 11 subs.

Major Stapylton's ch f Speranza by Thormanby out of Princess by Autocrat, 4 yrs, 7st 11lb.....C. Archer 1
Mr. T. Jennings' Ecossais, 5 yrs, 9st 6lb.....J. Goater 2
Captain Prime's Trappist, 4 yrs, 9 st 5lb.....F. Archer 3
Mr. H. Bird's Lowlander, 6yrs, 10st.....G. Page 0

Betting; 7 to 4 against Ecossais, 3 to 1 against Lowlander; 7 to 2 against Speranza, and 4 to 1 against Trappist. Lowlander showed the way, with Speranza lying off to the distance, whence the latter made up her ground, and on the retreat of the old horse half way up came through, and beat Ecossais by a head; three lengths dividing the second and third. The ground was very heavy and the weight told too severely on the gelding.

The Great Shropshire Handicap of 500 sovs, added to a sweepstakes of 25 sovs each, 15 ft; winners extra; new mile; 39 subs.

Lord Howe's b c Tetrarch by Mogadar out of Parma, 3 yrs, 5st 12lb.....W. Macdonald 1
Count F de Lagrange's Lina, 3 yrs, 7st 9lb (inc 5 lb extra).....Morbey 2
Mr. H. Bird's The Ghost, 4 yrs, 7st 9 lb.....Rossiter 3
Mr. T. V. Morgan's Lord Gowran, 6 yrs, 8st 5lb.....C. Wood 0
Mr. A. Baltazzi's Cœruleus, 4 yrs, 8st 4lb.....Maidment 0
Sir J. D. Astley's Hopbloom, 3 yrs, 8st 11lb.....F. Archer 0
Mr. F. Gretton's Pageant 5 yrs, 7st 7lb.....Newhouse 0
Mr. Gerard's Claremont, 4 yrs, 7st 5lb.....C. Archer 0
Mr. E. Potter's Newport, 3 yrs, 7st 2lb.....F. Jeffery 0
Sir G. Chetwynd's Cat's-eye, 4 yrs, 7st 11lb (inc 10lb ex)...Chesterman 0
Mr. C. Persin's Hieroglyphic, 4 yrs, 7st.....Fagan 0
Mr. T. Ansley's Water Lily, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb.....J. Macdonald 0
Mr. G. E. Paget's Roehampton, 3 yrs, 6st 6lb.....Morgan 0
Lord Bradford's Euxine, 3 yrs, 5st 13lb.....Hopkins 0

Betting seven to two against Tetrarch, 100 to 15 each against The Ghost, 1 0 to 7 against Hieroglyphic, 100 to 6 each against Hopbloom and Roehampton, 20 to 1 each against Euxine, Pageant, Lina and Claremont, and 1 0 to 3 against any other. The Ghost cut out the work, followed by Tetrarch and Hopbloom, Lord Gowran and Lina holding good places on their right, while Cœruleus, Cat's-eye, Claremont and Newport laid well up with them on the stand side. The first beaten of the advance guard was Hopbloom; and as his stable companion gave way to Tetrarch, Claremont and Newport also began to lose ground. A quarter of a mile from home Lord Gowran was also in difficulties, and Cœruleus dropping out of the race shortly afterward, the issue was left at the distance to a quartette, of whom Lina made a gallant effort at the stand, but never reached the light-weight, and she had to succumb by a length, while "heads apiece" divided her. The Ghost, and Cat's-eye. Clear of these, Lord Gowran, Newport, Claremont, and Euxine came home in the order named, and Water Lily, who did not pass the post, was last of all.

SHREWSBURY, Nov. 17.—The Severn Cup, value 300 sovs, by subscription of 15 sovs each, 10 forfeit, with 100 added; weight for age, with penalties and beaten allowances; the new mile.

Mr. Gerard's b c Claremont by Blair Athol out of Coimbra 4 yrs, 8st 3 lbs.....C. Archer 1
Mr. Phillips' c by King John out of Dr. Temple's dam; 2 yrs, 6st 3lb.....Morgan 2
Sir J. Astley's Hopbloom, 3 yrs, 8st 10 lb.....F. Archer 3
Mr. A. Baltazzi's Cœruleus, 4 yrs, 9st 6 lb.....Maidment 0
Count F de Lagrange's Lina, 3 yrs 8st 10 lb.....Morris 0
Major Stapylton' Speranza, 4 yrs, 9st 6 lb.....T. Cannon 0
Duke of Westminster's Dalham, 5 yrs, 9st 8 lb.....F. Webb 0

Betting: 2 to 1 against Dalham, 5 to 2 against Lina, 6 to 1 against Hopbloom, and 100 to 8 against any other. Claremont made play, Hopbloom going on second, and the King John colt third to the commencement of the enclosure, where the two year old took second place, but never got up, and was beaten after a good race by a neck; a bad third. Cœruleus was fourth, and Speranza last. Claremont broke down while apparently winning the St. Leger in 1875.

WARWICKSHIRE AND LEAMINGTON HUNT MEETING, THIRD DAY, Nov. 23.—The Great Autumn Welter Cup of 200 sovs, by subscription of 20 sovs each, 10 ft.; winners and professionals extra; one mile; 12 subs.

Mr. Gerard's b c Claremont by Blair Athol out of Coimbra, 4 yrs, 10st 11lb (inc 6lb extra).....F. Archer. † w. o.
Mr. J. N. Astley's Empress, 4 yrs, 9 st 11 lb (inc 6lb extra).....T. Cannon †
Mr. Gomm's Advance, 3 yrs, 9st 13lb (inc 6lb extra) S. Goater 3
Sir G. Chetwynd's Hellenist, 3 yrs, 9st 11lb.....Mr. Crawshaw 0
Major Stapylton's Josephine, 6 yrs, 10st (inc 6lb extra).....F. Webb 0
Duke of Hamilton's Stopgap, 4 yrs, 9st 11lb (inc 6lb extra).....Custance 0

Betting: 9 to 4 agst Empress, 7 to 2 agst Claremont, 4 to 1 agst Advance, 6 to 1 agst Hellenist, and 100 to 15 agst each of the others. The running was made by Claremont to the six furlong post, where Empress took close order, and as they turned into the straight Advance drew up to their heels. At the distance it looked like a good fight with three, but the youngster was beaten half way up, and Empress immediately reaching Claremont, a fine finish ensued, which resulted in a dead heat and division; Advance being beaten two lengths. Josephine was a bad fourth, and Hellenist last all the way. Claremont showed the temper inherent in the produce of Coimbra.

FOURTH DAY, November 24th.—The Great Midland Counties Handicap of 25 sovs each, 15 ft, with 250 added; winners extra; the second received 20 sovs; two miles; 14 subs.

Mr. F. Gretton's b g Pageant by Elland out of Panoply, 5 yrs, 7st 4lb.....Morgan 1
Mr. Crawford's Prince George, 3 yrs, 7st 1lb (inc 7lb ex.....F. Jeffery 2
Sir J. Astley's Scamp, 3 yrs, 8st 11lb.....F. Archer 3
Mr. Henage's Freeman, aged, 8st 12lb.....F. Webb 0
Mr. Gerard's Claremont, 4 yrs, 8st 11lb (inc 7lb extra) (car 8st 2lb).....Constable 0
Mr. Gomin's Innishowen, 4 yrs, 7st 6lb.....Newhouse 0
Mr. T. Bingham's Fairy King, 4 yrs, 7st 4lb.....Rossiter 0
Mr. T. Jenning's Lady Malden, 3 yrs, 7st.....W. Johnson 0
Mr. J. G. Blake's Tattoo, 4 yrs, 7st.....W. Macdonald 0

Betting: 3 to 1 agst Prince George, 4 to 1 agst Innishowen, 5 to 1 agst Pageant, 7 to 1 agst Scamp, 10 to 1 agst Claremont, and 100 to 8 each agst Lady Malden and Fairy King. Lady Malden led past the stand, followed by the favorite and Pageant, Tattoo being thus early tailed off. The hard pulling Pageant, who had been the first to show in advance, was in front again a little further on, and he and the Lady alternately led to the mile post, whence Innishowen, Fairy King, and Prince George followed them in the order given, while Freeman had joined Tattoo at the tail. The first to give way of the two in advance was Lady Malden; and when Innishowen had cried enough the favorite went after Pageant, but never reached him, and was beaten easily by three lengths. None of the others persevered, and Scamp and Lady Malden were the only others that even cantered home.

MANCHESTER NOVEMBER MEETING, November 24th.—The Manchester November handicap of 10 sovs each, with 200 added; winners extra; the second to receive 20 sovs, and the third to save his stake; about one mile and a half; 14 subs.

Mr. Bowe's b m Polonaise by Adventurer out of Klarinska, 5 yrs, 7st 12lb ..... Dodge 1
Mr. J. Anderson's Mars, 4 yrs 6st 12lbs ..... Frost 2
Mr. Chapman's Owton, 5 yrs, 7st 3lb ..... Sheard 3
Mr. T. Melville's Stamfordham, 4 yrs, 7st 8lb ..... Tomlinson 0
Mr. Lucas' Agglethorpe, 5 yrs, 7st 3lb ..... Fagan 0
Mr. William's Monarch, 4 yrs, 7st 11b ..... Luke 0
Mr. G. Bryant's Hestia, 4 yrs, 7st 11b ..... J. Macdonald 0
Mr. G. Trimmer's Laurier, 4 yrs, 6st 13lbs ..... Edwards 0
Mr. Gilby's Birthright, aged, 6st 12lb ..... F. Sharp 0
Mr. W. obinson's Annie Louise, 5 yrs, 6-t 12lb ..... Boag 0
Mr. T. Shepherd's Relic, 4 yrs, 6-t 11lb ..... Cutler 0
Mr. F. Swindell's Curate, aged, 6st 6lb (car 6st 10lb) ..... Kirby 0
Mr. R. Howett's St. Estephe, 3 yrs, 5st 12lb ..... Spooner 0
Mr. C. H. Bedford's Jubilant, 3 yrs, 5st 12lb ..... Howey 0

Betting: 5 to 2 against Polonaise, 6 to 1 against Agglethorpe, 100 to 15 each against Stamfordham and St. Estephe, 8 to 1 against Hestia, and 10 to 1 against any other. St. Estephe showed the way, attended by Laurier, with Stamfordham, Hestia, Owton, Mars, and Agglethorpe in advance of the rest for nearly a mile, when Owton rushed to the front, and as he entered the straight Mars and Polonaise became his immediate followers. The latter took up the running at the distance, and holding her own to the end, won by two lengths; a head between second and third. Hestia, Stamfordham, Relic, Annie Louise, Birthright and St. Estephe came home next in the order named, and Monarch was last.

Turf Notes.

Trotting Meetings.

DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

Freeport, Ill.	May 29 to June 1	Prophetstown, Ill.	2d week in Aug.
Fleetwood Park, N. Y.	June 5 to 9	Tiskilwa, Ill.	2d week in Aug.
Dubuque, Iowa	June 5 to 8	Utica, N. Y.	3d week in Aug.
Macomb, Ill.	July 3 to 5	Earlville, Ill.	4th week in Aug.
East Saginaw, Mich.	July 17 to 20	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Aug. 21 to 24
Dexter Park, Chicago	July 17, 18, 19, 20	Macomb, Ill.	Aug. 21 to 26
Cleveland, O.	July 24 to 27	Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 21 to 31
Springfield, Mass.	July 24 to 27	Fleetwood Park, N. Y.	Sept. 4 to 6
Buffalo, N. Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3	Fleetwood Park, N. Y. (Breeders' Meeting)	3d week in Oct.
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 3	Dubuque, Ia.	Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
Rochester, N. Y.	2d week in Aug.		
Mystic Park, Boston	Sept. 4,5,6 and 7		

SALES OF THE ROCK RIVER FARM, MOLINE, ILL.—The most prominent sales made by Mr. S. W. Wheelock during the year, have been the trotting mare Nettie Green, could trot in 2:30. To Mr. Daniel Hayes, of Muscatine, Ia., (owner of Tramp, by Gage's Logan), three Bashaw mares for breeding purposes. The Bashaw blood nicks well with that of the well-bred Tramp; take his fine daughter Trampoline for illustration. Her owner, Mr. C. H. Schermerhorn, of Nevada, Ia., bought of Mr. Wheelock the chestnut colt Rawlins, foaled 1875, by Romulus, out of the old matron Madam Kirkwood, (dam of Kirkwood and others), by Young Green Mountain Morgan. We saw this colt in March last, and were much pleased with him. He was of fine size and Mr. Schermerhorn will use him when developed for stud purposes. A stock company at Prophetstown, Ill., bought a dark bay colt with star and snip, foaled 1874; his dam is Nelly Weeks (record of 2:36), by a son of Bertrand. This colt is held in high esteem, and with care and a little schooling will develop into a fast trotter. A fine-gaited gelding, foaled 1874, by Romulus, out of a mare by Gifford Morgan, was purchased by Mr. Richard, of the same place. Messrs. Baldwin and brother, of Prophetstown, secured Maggie Davis, by Star Davis; she is with foal by Romulus. Nellie Weeks and Madam Kirkwood with their two colts (fillies), by Captain, were bought by Messrs. McKean and Griswold, Bradford, Ill., also two fillies by Kirkwood, with foal by Romulus, by the same parties. Mr. Wheelock's last sale was was of a large and very promising chestnut colt, white legs to knees, and blaze in face, by Romulus, dam Nancy Switzer, by Sargent's Bashaw (son of Green's Bashaw), 2d dam Yellow Bird (sister to Bashaw, Jr. and dam of Trampoline), by Green's Bashaw, 3d dam by Young Green Mountain Morgan. The purchaser was Dr. Mosher, Prophetstown, Ill. The breeding of this youngster is of a high order, and Mr. W. W. Hamilton (who is in charge of Rock river farm) pronounces him a Dexter both in marks and gait. The first of the get of Romulus was foaled in 1874, and received their first handling this year. One bred by Col. Crockett, of Lake View farm, Coal Valley, Ill., and now the property of the popular Washington, Iowa as trainer and driver, could show a three minute gait last fall to harness. He is pronounced by Mr. Switzer the best colt he has ever owned. The colts of Romulus are uniformly large, and inherit the best characteristics of the Hambletonian; and as an evidence of the high appreciation with which he is held by breeders in the West, his subscription book was filled early in the season, a number of mares coming even as great a distance as 200 miles. As the stock at Rock River Farm is for sale without reservation, the breeders of the West will consult their interests allowing Romulus to go out of their reach.

THE WALLA WALLA (W. T.) RACES.—The meeting at Bush's Driving Park commenced Nov. 12th, and although the somewhat heavy state of the track precluded fast time, the contests afforded much satisfaction. On the first day was a purse of $150 for the three minute class, which was won by Mr. Glassford's Osgood, beating Mr. Sheldon's Silvia and Mr. Watson's Gen. Sprague. Best time, 2:52½. On the second day, a purse of $100, half-mile heats, was carried off by Mr. Steer's Sleepy Dave, against Sixty-one, Oregon Ruby and Scar-faced Charley. Time, 55 and 55¾ seconds. There was then a trot for a $150 purse, for three year olds, best three in five, won by Mr. Lindsey's Ida Lindsey in three straight heats, beating Hopeless and Captain Jack. Time, 3:30, 3:21 and 3:25.

On the third day the principal event was a running purse of $500, best three in five, in which were entered Mr. Stewart's Monte Christo, Mr. Crabb's Billy Bingham, Mr. Jarrett's Little Tex, and Mr. White's Sank Owens. The track was heavy, and slow time was made. Billy Bingham won the race in three straight heats, with Sank Owens second, Little Tex third. Time, 1:53, 1:54 and 1:54. There was also a trot for $150, which was won by Mr. Nelson's Blue Mountain Boy, after a good contest with Osgood, who won the third heat, and Ida Lindsey. Time, 3:45, 2:42½, 2:45, 2:46.

On the concluding day was a purse of $500, of which Mr. Glassford's Parrott was the winner, against Startle and Lewiston, of which the former was withdrawn for lameness. Time, 2:45, 2:48, 2:42. We should feel obliged to Mr. Bush, as well as to other lessees of tracks, if they would forward us all racing details, as we are thus enabled to give fresher news to our readers.

Fifth day.—Running purse; three quarter mile heats; entries: Sleepy Dave, Osceola, Sank Owens, Oregon Rube and Bummer. Sleepy Dave won in two straight heats. Time, 1:19¾ and 1:20. Running purse; half mile heats entries: Dancing Charley, Fox and Selim. Charley won in two straight heats. Time, 52 and 52½.

Sixth day.—Running purse; mile dash, for two year olds. Entries: Clipper, Gray Arrow and Bulger Dick. Clipper won in 2:07½. Running purse; mile and repeat, for three year olds. Entries: Sank Owens, Orilla and Red Cloud. Sank Owens distanced the field on the first heat in 1:51 on a very heavy track.

RACING AT SANTA CRUZ, CAL.—The races which commenced on Nov 21st proved a success as far as the character of the sport was concerned, but the attendance was not encouraging to the management. On the first day, the 21st, in the purse of $50 for colts that had never trotted for money, Susan B. Anthony beat Bob Orton and Nellie in two straight heats, the latter being distanced in the first one. For the purse of $50 for the 3:15 class were entered Yolo Tom, Bob Ridley, Grey Rat, and Dan Tuttle, and it was won by the latter, he taking the first, third and fifth heats; while Grey Rat won the fourth, and the second was declared a dead heat. Time, 3:07, 2:58, 2:58, 3:03, 3:03. On the second day Treat won a dash mile match from Kitty Flint 3:22. The half mile heats was won by Sappho, her only opponent being Milpitas. Time, 53 and 52 seconds. Then came a trot for $150, mile and repeat, in which only two started—Bob Ridley and Henry Clay. The former won the first heat, but Clay the two last. Time, 3:04, 3:09, 3:06. On the third day, Bismark beat Rowdy and Grey Rat for a $100 purse, winning the first second and fourth heats, and Rowdy the third, with Grey Rat distanced. Time, 2:53, 2:53, 2:58, 2:51. Then in a running dash of a mile for $50 Sappho beat Milpitas in 1:52; and in conclusion Bob Ridley and Henry Clay contested for another purse, when although the drivers were changed and again, the judges declared it a chuck, and called all bets off.

SALES OF TROTTING STOCK.—Mr. Ed. P. Gaines, Scott county, Ky., has sold to C. J. Hamlin, Esq., Buffalo, N. Y., the trotting brood mare, Maggie Gaines, the dam of Almont, Jr., by Blood's Blackhawk, a two-year-old Almont colt and a mare eight years old by Clark Chief....Joseph W. Lail sold to R. S. Strader his bay combined saddle and harness mare Lucy, by Carpenter & Utz's Black Denmark, dam by Old Berthune....R. S. Strader has shipped to Robert Bonner, New York City, Mr. Robert Bonner's bay filly by Mambrino Patchen, dam the dam of Grafton....Mr. H. Anderson, Dayton, O., has bought of Mr. Geo. St. Clair, Hamilton, O., the young trotter Bill Allen, 4 years old, by Gen. Gifford, dam by Tom Rolf....G. W. St. Clair, of Hamilton, O., has sold to R. S. Strader an eight-year-old gelding by Tom Rolf, dam a fast trotting mare brought from the North. This gelding is an exceedingly fast pacer, untrained, having showed a quarter in thirty-four seconds to wagon. Tom Rolf is by Pugh's Aratus, dam the celebrated old pacing mare Pocahontas, with a record of 2:17¼. Tom Rolf's record, 2:33½....Messrs. Macey Bros., Versailles, Ky., has sold to Mr. Charles Kahn, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio, the bay filly Blanch Ferguson, four years old, by American Clay, dam by Bay Messenger; to Col. John W. Hall, same place, the premium mare Desdemona, for $850; to Mr. F. Kennedy, Pittsburg, Pa., a pair of bay coach horses, 16 hands high, for $700; to a New Orleans party a pair of mares for $425....Col. R. P. Pepper, South Elkhorn Stock Farm, Frankfort, Ky., has sold to Mr. C. H. Dunlap, Mount Sterling, Ill., the yearling Almont colt Amber, by Almont, dam Patti, by Mambrino Chief; 2d dam by Park's Highlander; 3d dam by Grey Eagle; 4th dam by Bertrand; Menloza; imp. Medley; imp. Bolton; Yorick. This remarkably bred youngster represents a very fashionable cross, and should be a most valuable stock horse, while his breeding is almost a guarantee of speed. The price paid by Mr. Dunlap is $1,250....Mr. Abe Straus, New York city, shipped Saturday, Dec. 2d, from Lexington, Ky., a car load of fourteen well-bred trotters and harness stock to New York. Amongst them were three bought from A. J. Alexander, Esq., Woodburn Stock Farm, Spring Station, Ky., namely: Afterglow, gr f 4 yrs old, by Belmont, dam Diana by Pilot, Sr., grandam Grey Goose; Grandpere, b g, 5 yrs old, by Belmont, dam Grey Goose by Nottingham's Norman, and Sandstone, gr g, 4 yrs old, own brother to Grandpere.

BREAKING THE MUSTANG.—The *Silver State* gives the following method of breaking wild colts by the Mexican vaquero: The great attraction just new is at the railroad cattle coral, where three vaqueros are engaged in breaking wild horses belonging to Col. Hardin and others. The vaquero lasso the wild animals, invariably throwing them flat on the ground, in which position they are bridled and blindfolded, and then permitted to get up. A saddle is then placed on the trembling steed's back and encircled tight, after which one of the vaqueros mounts the animal. The blind is then removed; the animal stands still a moment, and then jumps stiff legged, and plunges ahead in the vain endeavor to dismount his rider, who retains his position, and spurring the infuriated beast runs him until he is completely exhausted, after which the saddle is removed and the animal set at liberty. The vaqueros are splendid riders, and as far as we have heard have not been thrown by any of the horses.

SALES OF THOROUGHBEDS.—Mr A. D. Brown, Baltimore, Md., hat bought of Mr. S. C. Smith, of same city, the bay colt Problem, 3 years old, by Pimlico, dam Mystery by imp. Australian. Dr. J. S. Cattanach, New York City, has sold to Maj. B. G. Thomas, Lexington, Ky., bay colt Lelaps, 4 years old, by imp. Leamington, out of imp. Pussy by Diophantus.....Messrs. McIntyre & Nichols, Paris, Ky., have sold to Mr. Geo. W. Bowen, Shawhan Station, Ky., the bay filly Tillie Brent, 3 years old, by imp. Phaeton, dam Nettie Viley, for $800....Maj. B. G. Thomas, Lexington, Ky., has sold to Dr. J. S. Cattanach, New York City, the bay gelding Bencher, 3 years old, by Brown Dick, out of Benicia by Jack Malone. Bencher was sold in the trade for Lelaps made by these gentlemen.

DEATH OF BEACON.—This fine race horse died at Pine Grove, Texas, on Nov. 20th. He was foaled in 1861 by Lexington, out of Bay Leaf by imp Yorkshire, the dam of Rubicon, Bayonet, Baywood, Bayswater and Mr. M. H. Sanford's, grand old race horse Preakness now in England. He was a good race horse in his day, but like many sons of illustrious sires, his opportunities in the stud were limited. The best of his get which have been tried are Maid of Orange, Lady Washington, and Cora Linn that ran respectably at the recent Louisiana Club meeting.

A HEAVY PURCHASER.—Dr. Somerville, a leading horse-dealer in Canada, has purchased the trotting horse Simon, belonging to Dr. Woodruff of London, Ont., on behalf of a gentleman in Glasgow, Scotland, for the largest price ever paid for a horse in that section of the Dominion. Dr. Somerville has purchased this year, in the neighborhood of London, Ont., $47,000 worth of horses for the American market.

CALIFORNIA TURF.—The directors of Oakland Park are about offering a large purse for a race of two mile-heats to take place over their track some time after the Oaks has been run. This is to allow time for a more thorough acclimation of the Eastern mares. This race would prove one of the best of the year, as they have a number of horses that can go very fast that distance.

HOPEFUL.—The fine trotting gelding Hopeful, by Godfrey's Patchen, was summered at the stable of Mr. Walton, Sr., in Boston, during which time he was treated for the trouble in his near fore foot. He is fully recovered and has been taken to New York to winter. If a tithe of his former self, he will be apt to make the "free for all" class warm, in the circuit of 1877.

TROTTERS WINTERING AT BRIGHTON.—Mr. A. D. Carson is wintering the following trotters at his stable in Brighton, near Boston, Mass., viz.: Royal John, gray gelding, by Woodstock Morrill; record 2:26½. Kitty D., brown mare, a descendant of the Tuckahoe tribe; record 2:26¼. Georgie B., chestnut mare, a member of the Drew family; record 2:31.

SALE OF A GEN. KNOX MARE.—W. C. Fair, veterinary surgeon of Cleveland, O., has sold to G. W. Gale, of Ypsilanti, Mich., his brown mare, by Gen. Knox, dam by Brandywine. She is 15½ hands, and had shown 2:41 when four years old. Mr. Gale intends her for a broodmare. She is now in foal to Rigadoon by Knickerbocker. Price paid, $450.

SALE OF GREAT EASTERN'S HALF BROTHER.—George Hammill, of Rome, N. Y., has sold to John D. Gilbert, of Adams, N. Y., his colt Tommy Hollins. This colt is half brother to Great Eastern. Tommy Hollins was sired by Autocrat, shows great bursts of speed, and bids fair to equal the wonderful speed of his brother, Great Eastern.

BILL THUNDER AND JOHN W. HALL.—These geldings each with a record of 2:25 are now owned in New York and driven on the road. They drive very evenly and are pronounced to be the best pole team on the road at present. Bill Thunder secured his record at the late meeting of the Kentucky Breeders Association.

SALE OF RIGADOON.—Rigadoon, by Knickerbocker, dam Nelly Stitt full sister to Mr. Backman's Emma Hoyt, by American Star, was sold last week by Dr. Van Hummell, of Cleveland, to Mr. G. M. Hoover, of Bradford, O., for $3,000. He will succeed Scott's Hiatoga, now dead in in the stud.

SALE OF CALIFORNIA TROTTERS.—Messrs. Crego & Bowley sold the celebrated mares Sweetbriar and May Howard on Nov. 23d at auction. The former brought $5,200, and Dr. Welch was the purchaser, and Mr. Richard Gentry bought May Howard for $2,900. Bill Ross was sold for $280 Jim Eoff for $150, and a gray team brought $826.

NATHAN COOMBS.—This fine race horse pulled up very lame in his exercise two weeks ago. Fears of a breakdown had been entertained but it is now thought the injury will not be permanent. He was the winner of the recent two-mile heat race at Oakland Park.

SALE OF WHITE STOCKINGS.—Mr P. F. Sharp, Brazil, Ind., has sold his speedy running mare White Stockings to an Indianapolis gentleman. The consideration was six hundred dollars.

OAKLAND.—This old trotter was sold in San Francisco recently for $70.

TROTTERS WINTERING AT MYSTIC AND BEACON PARKS.—Jas. Golden has the following in his stables at Mystic Park Course: Comee's record, 2:22¼, by Daniel Lambert, dam by imported Balrownie; Dick Swiveler, 2:26, by Walkill Chief, dam by Harry Clay; Ned Wallace, 2:25, by Taggart's Abdallah; Belle Smith, 2:29; Dick Moore, 2:30, by Belmont; Fearnaught Prince, 2:36, by Fearnaught, and Graceful 2:40, by Smith's Honest Allen. Mr. Golden has become one of the most popular drivers in the East, and he is deservedly successful.

Mike Carroll is wintering at Beacon Park: In addition to the old settler Ben Starr (Lexington) he is looking after the welfare of the following: Driving Wind, bay mare, 5 yrs old, by Mambrino Prince (Brignoli) dam May Queen, sister to Bonner's Pocahontas, by Ethan Allen; 2d dam the famous pacer Pocahontas, owned by Mr. W. P. Balch, as are also the two following, viz: Hurricane, bay colt, 3 yrs old, by Fearnaught, dam May Queen and Jim, bay colt, 4 yrs old, by Mambrino Prince. Mr. Carroll is also "schooling" the young stallion Chester, the property of Mr. John Stewart, a 5 year-old, by Jay Gould, dam Jennie Spencer, by young Columbus; 2d dam by Abdallah.

SHIPMENT OF YEARLINGS.—Col. D. McDaniel, Princeton, N. J., shipped from M. B. Gratz' Springbrook Stud Farm, Spring Station, Ky., the following yearlings that were purchased by him and kept at Springbrook Stud Farm since their purchase in June last: Chestnut colt, brother to Harry Bassett, by Lexington, dam Canary Bird by imp. Albion; chestnut colt by Planet, out of Sally Lewis by imp. Glencoe; bay colt by Baywood, out of Lazy (Vagrant's dam) by imp. Scythian, and chestnut filly by imp. Glenelg, out of Finesse by Lexington, and a three-year-old chestnut colt by Exchequer. The brother to Harry Bassett was quite lame when purchased, but he has entirely recovered under the direction of Dr. Hirsh.—*Kentucky Live Stock Record.*

RED CLOUD.—The general condition of the noted trotting gelding Red Cloud with a record of 2:18 is reported to be first-class. His leg is once more strong; a fact which was amply demonstrated by his trot in the mud last September at Fort Wayne. There are several candidates for the "free for all" class which have been laid on the shelf the past season and as there are good reports of their improvement and recovery from their infermities their class will create considerable interest the coming season.

THE EGYPTIAN HORSE PLAGUE.—Great apprehensions are felt that the Egyptian horse plague may spread by the caravan routes in Syria, and thence into Asia and Europe. The multitudes of festering corpses of horses which have died of plague and been thrown into the Nile or into canals or ponds have contaminated the water and the atmosphere, and cholera is imminent.

DEATH OF A TRAINER.—At Evansville, Ind., on the 2d inst., James Brockey, a trainer and driver of trotters, was found dead in one of the sleeping apartments of the Warwick House, in that city. It is presumed his death was brought about by an overdose of laudanum.

A NEW TRACK.—A party of gentlemen of Watsonville, California are about to lease a quantity of land in Monterey county for the purpose of making a race track. Prominent men have the matter in hand and will probably make it a success.

ANOTHER BIG RACE.—The Bay District (California) Association announce a great purse of four miles and repeat, free for all runners, on Saturday, December 30th, for a purse of $5,000; the entries to close on Thursday, December 7th, next.

LEYBOURNE, a celebrated English trotter, died on Nov. 6th from internal injuries maliciously inflicted upon him on Oct. 30 or 31. A reward of £200 is offered for information which will lead to the conviction of the offenders.

CHARLESTON.—Mr. W. H. Harris, of this city, has purchased of the Hon. Isaac Harris, of Caledonia, Ontario, the gray gelding Charleston for $1,250. Isaac Harris, Jr., will probably handle him the next season.

SANTA ROSA TRACK.—The new half mile track at Santa Rosa, Cal., was inaugurated by a trot that was won by Mr. Lockwood's Hannah, in three straight heats, beating Lake and Mother-in law. Best time, 3:04.

SALE OF MERCADOR.—Major Campbell Brown, Springfield, Tenn., has bought of Capt. T. T. Turner, St. Louis, Mo., the yearling trotting colt Mercador, by Merchant, dam Lady Champion by Old Champion.

ARRIVED OUT.—Goldsmith Maid, Sam Purdy and the galaxy of equine stars accompanying them, arrived safely at the Bay District Course on December 2d. A hearty welcome was in store for them.

SALE OF READBURN.—Mr. Mat. Turner, Albany, N. Y., has bought of Mr. W. J. Moore, the two-year-old bay filly Readburn, by Victor Von Bismarck, son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian.

DEATH OF AN OLD BROOD MARE.—Mr. Charles Powers, of Bronson, Mich., lost by death recently a once valuable brood mare 31 years old. She produced her last foal at 24 years.

GENTILLA.—This chestnut mare by Golddust, the property of Mr. John A. Sawyer, of Boston, has been bred to the fine and fast trotting stallion Jubilee Lambert.

KATE BENNETT.—The Blue Bull trotting mare Kate Bennett, record 2:29¼, has been bred to his young stallion Pocahontas Boy. She missed last Spring to Almont.

PAUL WALTERS' STABLE.—Lady Star, record of 2:24; Pilot Temple, 2:24½, and Sucker State, pacer, 2:26, are at Galveston, Texas, in charge of Paul Walters.

English Turf Notes.

F. ARCHER.—At the Warwickshire and Leamington hunt meeting the "lucky jockey," F. Archer, rode his two hundreth winning mount on Lord Duplin's Le Promeneur. No other jockey has ever scored such a number of wins in a single season, and this is the first time that such has been done. But fortune did not cry, "hold enough;" she smiled on, and during the meeting Archer scored six more wins, bringing his total up to 206. During the meeting above mentioned he had 20 mounts, 9 wins, 3 seconds, 3, thirds, and was not placed in the remainder. His receipts were certainly $500, besides the sums he received beyond his riding fee from the owners of his winning mounts. He has ridden over 650 races, or somewhat over 3 races a day, excluding Sundays, during the season.

SALES.—The horses belonging to the noble lord who races under the name of Mr. Herbert Bird, were sent up to Albert Gate to be sold, but as they had mostly reserves upon them beyond the appreciation of the very strong attendance some of them returned to their stable. Chief among these was the famous Lowlander, whose victorious career was checked by the speedy son of Vidette, Galopin. Just before that famous match, £7,000 had been offered and refused for the big brown, but his recent running has been such that nobody would bid the £7,000 which was generally known to be his reserve price. Talisman who as Figaro II. once had high pretensions and last year showed himself a good distance horse, was sold for less than half what he cost at the end of last season. The Ghost, who showed some short distance form this past season, was supposed to have been bought in for his stable at 1,150 gs., and Concha, who will probably turn out a good cup horse next year, was sold cheaply at the price, 900 gs. Nap, a two year old brown colt, by Macaroni-Slumber, realized 320 gs.

Mr. G. Paget's the Chieftain, 5 years, c h, by Mandrake-The Thane, by Stockwell, combining the blood of the king of sires with that of the queen of dams—Mandragora, realized 520 gs. Roehampton, by Lord Clifden-Summer's Eve, 3 years, brought 300 gs.; and the force of fashionable blood was shown by Combination, 3 years, by Distin-The Selected, a daughter of Umpire only bringing 25 gs.

Mr. Johnstone cast off a couple from his stable bay three-year old colts both; Charles Edward, well named, by Pretender—Lady Ripon by Stockwell, realized 200 gs, but King's Lynn by the Palmer only brought 50 gs.

Mr. C. Price picked up something that may breed him a Galopin, if he can only find a nick for the fine blood in her veins, when he bought a bay mare seven years old by Caterer—Summerside, the latter being the winner of the Oaks in 1859.

Among the noticeable features of the past year's racing in England was the untoward collapse of the A. Baltazzi stable toward the end of the season. When they seemed to have everything within their grasp they failed to win a single good race.

Lord Lyon by Stockwell—Paradigm, the triple victor of 1866, seems to be the coming scion of the king of stallions, for his two-year-olds of 1876 have shown very fine form. Cran Tair has shone up wonderfully as a winner of nurseries, and the others of his get that have shown prominently are Placida, Touchet, Lady Ronald, Sabrina, La Cigale and Tantalus, and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that some Lord Lyon will win a bracket in one or more of the great races next year.

Arbitrator by Solon out of True Heart by Musjid, the sire of Rosicrucian and Blue Gown, won a nursery at the Warwickshire and Leamington Hunt meeting in such style that he may be called a high class animal.

Veterinary.

Cracked Heels and Grease.

Man has no more useful nor obedient servant than the horse. The dog has many claims to be recognized as an affectionate, obedient and much enduring servant and companion; but the horse is at once the most useful, reliable, and consequently the most valuable servant of man. Some are more enthusiastic than others in their admiration, but nearly every one has an innate fondness for this noble animal, and yet none, without exception, is the subject of so much abuse, and one of the ways, and not the least of which, is the treatment that is given to the feet and legs at this season of the year, when mismanagement or utter neglect shows itself in the form of the disorders mentioned above. They are generally considered distinctly, but being so often associated, one with the other, and the one terminating in the other so often we have been led to consider them in the same connection.

The heels may be merely chapped, or the skin slightly roughened, with some tenderness and swelling, or they may be very much swollen and sore with deep cracks that give great pain when the horse is in motion by the tension of the skin over the part; when the weight is put on the leg it often causes him to jerk up the leg as in stringhalt, which, of course, only agravates and sometimes makes them bleed slightly; enough to color the hair around the part. Cracked heels or scratches, up to this stage, may be caused by the cold water, mud and slushy snow coming in contact with the horses' heels and chilling and macerating them so that the skin becomes very tender and when warmed the reaction is so great that inflammation is set up which interferes with the natural secretion and excretions from the skin and sebacious glands. This condition is precipitated by allowing the heels and hair around them, particularly if long, to remain wet a long time after coming into the stable which keeps them soaking in the icy cold mud and snow. Some breeds of horses seem to be more subject to it than others, as the Clydes and other heavy-legged horses; but perhaps it is because there is less pains taken with them than with the finer breeds. When the racer or carriage horse comes in he is always rubbed down and legs dried, but the draught horse generally has to dry his own, probably because there is so much long hair that it would be a very laborious task, and he is not considered of sufficient consequence to repay the outlay of elbow grease, as he is only prized for what he can do, and not admired for his beautiful form and graceful gait by the masses of the people as the racer is. We think if the draught horse had the same care and attention as the more favored members of the equine race, that they would be just as free from this complaint. Their legs are more heavily covered with hair and, of course, hold the dampness longer which one would think would have a tendency to cause them to chap; this it undoubtedly would if the animal were out of condition; having impure blood or a deranged system from any cause, but the draft horse is not so often ailing with disorders of one kind and another as the racer or carriage horse, owing to his not being pampered—kept in so extremely artificial a manner; but as he lives on coarse food and in a manner more in accordance with nature, his legs are more plentifully supplied with sebaceous glands, the recretion of which (sebum) prevents maceration of the skin. But they are not exempt by any means, and when they are attacked by scratches or grease, they generally have it worse on account of the more tardy circulation of the blood and less vigor in the system to repair any disorder.

Scratches may terminate in grease by extending up the leg, the inflammation attacking the deeper portions of the skin and interfering with the natural secretion of both the skin and the glands situated in it.

Grease (Eczema Impetiginodes) is a deep seated, eruptive disease of the skin of the extremities attacking the corium or true skin and involving the sebacous glands and causing a perverted secretion from them. It may be caused by, or may be the result of, either an anæmic or plethoric condition. When the animal is anæmic (bloodless), that is, when the blood is in an impoverished condition, wanting in some of its constituents, the fluids of the body gravitate to the extremities and there is a weakened, less vigorous circulation, and lymph and serum accumulate in the vessels of the legs, causing them to become distended to such an extent as to weaken the vessels; the valves and the coatings of the vessels become paralized by the constant strain on them; and the nutrition of the parts supplied by these vessels is consequently perverted and inadequate to their demands. So when the legs in this state are exposed to the exciting causes it is not surprising that they become diseased. When the animal is in plethoric condition—the system surcharged with nutriment—and having insufficient exercise, nature takes some way to rid the system of superfluous nutriment; she establishes a drain of some kind, sometimes it takes the form of eruption (surfeit) over the body. In the case of grease, the legs swell and the sebaceous glands become deranged and secrete an unhealthy fluid, which trickles down over the skin, and from its ichorous nature irritates and excoriates every part it touches, which led the older surgeons to believe it was a specific discharge—*i. e.*, would cause the same disease if inocculated into another animal. The discharge is serous at first, but soon becomes purulent and has a most offensive odor. The discharge seems to come from little pit-like ulcers, from which after a few days fungoid granulations spring up, which stud the legs over like grapes; then it is called the "grapy stage." Of course the legs are, at this time, very much swollen, and have a greasy appearance, from which the name originated, and they are extremely tender and painful; the horse will raise the leg up as high as possible, and express the most intense pain upon the least touch. Injudicious feeding on highly nutritious and stimulating food, and insufficient exercise, with exposure to cold, and neglect of the proper care that the legs require at this season, are the most prolific causes, but they can all be summed up in the rather severe expression, "bad treatment."

Treatment.—The same principles in the treatment must be remembered, but must vary in degree according to the stage the disease has attained to; but it is essentially the same in all cases.

In a simple case of cracked heels when not arising from any constitutional derangement, local applications will be sufficient, such as a cerate of alum or sugar of lead, or the iodine ointment composed of iodine and iodide of potassium of each one drachm, and lard two ounces; a little well rubbed in twice a day will effect a cure. But in severe cases it is necessary to poultice the heels and follow with a wash of carbolic acid and glycerine one to ten, and it is often beneficial to touch the cracks occasionally with lunar caustic.

The treatment in case of a confirmed case of grease must depend upon the state of the system at the time. If in a plethoric state administer a full dose of purgative medicine; but if anæmic, give generous diet and mineral tonics of sulphate of iron two drachms, sugar one drachm, and arsenic five grains, this is enough for one powder; give one night and morning, with an occasional mash, or roots to keep the bowels open. It is a good plan to insert a rowell in the breast in either case, for in case of plethora it furnishes the drain that nature needs, and in case of anæmia it tends to improve the state of the blood by increasing the formation of fibrin. The local treatment consists in applying first a hot poultice of linseed meal and bran in equal parts, with the addition of a little charcoal or carbolic acid, continue this for three or four days, then wash the legs clean and apply alternately lotions of chloride of zinc thirty grains to the pint of water, and carbolic acid one to fifty of water, and after each application brush the legs over with glycerine, diluted one third with water to avoid the irritation that would be caused by its absorbing moisture from the parts. These lotions may be increased in strength as fast as the parts will bear it. In the "grapy" stage the fungoid granulations must be excised by the knife or scissors and touched with a hot iron to prevent bleeding, then apply the treatment as above. As a preventive pay particular attention to the general health and welfare of the animal, give the feed that he requires to perform the work allotted to him, and above all, give him regular exercise. When he comes in from the mud, ice-water and slush, dry the legs as quickly as possible, but never wash them at this season of the year, when dry they can be cleaned with a brush. If the skin of the leg is inclined to be tender it is a good plan to bandage them when in the stable.

MONTREAL VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—This association held its regular fortnightly meeting on Thursday evening, Dec. 7th, the president, Prof. D. McEachran, in the chair. Mr. William McEachran, medical student, was elected a member of the association. Mr. Hebert read a French communication on "Punctured Foot." This paper was the first ever read before the association in the French language, and at the close of the reading the French members present took an active part in the discussion. A most interesting paper by Mr. W. B. Hall on "Inflammation or the Lungs" followed, and the frequency of the disease and the diversity of opinion concerning its treatment necessarily make the subject one of great importance and interest to the profession. The paper was productive of quite a lengthy debate, which was brought to a close by some very instructive remarks from the president, based upon personal experience and observation. At the next regular meeting, Thursday, Dec. 21st, Mr. C. Hebert will read a French paper on "Skin diseases," and Mr. J. A. Couture, V. S., of this city, a communication on "Furunculus."

THE ELAEODENDRON ARGAN.—This remarkable tree, of which there are extensive forests in Morocco, resembles in leaf the myrtle; the fruit is about the size of an olive, of a bright yellow color, and has a disagreeable sweet taste. It is valuable as a food for animals, making them fat. The kernel inside the stone of the fruit is bitter, but the natives make a good oil from it. The tree grows to a good size, making the wood useful as timber.

Trap Shooting.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL., Dec. 5, 1876.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—The badge holder, Dr. Henry, *our live Dentist*, entertained a party of our club by a challenge from them to shoot for the gold badge of the club held by him since the 20th of November, on yesterday, and well did he carry his honors—showing them all it will require no little skill to capture the piece of gold that ornaments his coat. The shoot was 10 birds each, 21 yards rise; seven aspirants for the badge.

SCORE.

Wm. Benson	11011 00011—6	Chas. Spring	00011 11111—7
Dr. Henry	11111 11011—10	D. C. McCoy	11111 01111—9
J. T. King	11111 11111—10	Joe Tomlinson	10011 11011—7
D. M. Simmons	01111 01001—6		

J. T. King and Dr. Henry tied, and shot off at 24 yards rise, having only two birds.

J. T. King .....10—1 | Dr. Henry .....11—2

Henry still wears the badge, but, oh! how long; say, some of the bloods!

The following is the score of the shoot for the badge between Dr. Henry and Mr. Chas. Baker, then holder of the badge, on the 20th of November, since which Henry has held the badge. 10 birds each, 21 yards rise.

Dr. Henry ..... 11111 11111—10 | Chas. Baker .....11111 10111—9

After the shoot 3 pairs of birds were shot at both parties as above, making a clean score. SEMPER IDEM.

SHOOTING AT LONG ISLAND. The annual shoot of the Long Island Shooting Club took place on December 9th at Dexter's Park Sixteen members participated, and the shooting was done by teams, the losers to pay for a dinner, which was served at the hotel after the sport was over. The following is the score: Annual shoot of the Long Island Shooting Club, Dec. 8, 1876; 10 birds each, 25 yards rise, 80 yards boundary, H and T traps, Long Island Club rules to govern.

DR. ATKINS' SIDE.		MR. EDDY'S SIDE.	
Dr. Atkins	11011 00110—6	Eddy	10111 00110—6
Williams	11001 01110—6	West	11110 10111—8
Reddin	00111 01110—6	Lambhear	00110 11111—7
Baxter	10100 10110—5	Robinson	10101 00010—4
Miller	01011 01110—6	Curtis	000 0 01111—4
Gildersleeve	01111 01101—7	Hemmings	00000 01111—4
Hughes	01010 11110—6	Rogers	00100 11110—5
Harris	01001 11101—6	Baylis	10010 11000—4
Total	48	Total	42

The shooting occupied one hour and forty-five minutes.

SHOOTING ON LONG ISLAND.—The seventh monthly shoot of Fountain Shooting Club, for possession of the club gold badge, took place on Dec. 6th, on their grounds at Brown's Hotel, Ocean Boulevard, Long Island. Numerically the club was well represented, and fourteen participated in the shoot. Messrs. McLaughlin and Race tied on 5 each, and on shooting off the tie Race proved the victor. The following is the full score:

FOUNTAIN SHOOTING CLUB GROUNDS, LONG ISLAND, Dec. 6, 1876.—Seventh monthly shoot for the gold badge, at 7 birds each, 21 yards rise, 80 yards boundary; H and T traps; Long Island Gun Club rules.

Dr. Race	0011111—5	Curley	1001100—3
McLaughlin	1111001—5	Coutts	0011010—3
Cleaver	1010011—4	Fisk	0010100—2
Crooke	1010101—4	Miller	0101000—2
Josephs	1110001—4	Goodwin	0100000—1
Slaue	0110001—3	Randolph	0000001—1
McMahon	1011000—3	Kearney	01000dr—1

Tie on 5.

Dr. Race .....101—2 | McLaughlin .....010—1

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 30, 1876.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—To-day being Thanksgiving and a shooting match which was previously arranged to come off on this day between the Omaha Sportsman's Club and the Fremont Sportsman's Club, came off per agreement, resulting in the defeat of the Omahas. There was a strong northwesterly wind blowing and the thermometer standing ten (10) degrees above zero, it was with great difficulty that they could shoot at all, but there was a fair score on both sides. Omahas 28 birds, Fremonts 38 birds. Our club is in a flourishing condition, and we will build a club house in the Spring.

SCORE.

OMAHAS.

Hardin	10101 11*10 10000—7	Ketchan	1111* 01010 01110—9
Sutphen	0011* 1**1* 10*01—6		
Windhien	01110 *0001 00101—6	Total	28

FREMONT.

Gregg	100*1 00101 01101—7	St. John	11111 0011* 1111*—11
Hanton	110*0 10101 11111—10		
Weltz	10111 1**11 011*1—10	Total	38

TRAP SHOOTING AT DETROIT.—Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field.*—There was a pigeon shoot at the World's End kept by Frank Bliel, on the 7th inst., for a silver cup put up by Bliel. It was a bitter cold day consequently only a few entries. It was the original intention to have a very fine vest chain, but it was withdrawn on account of lack of entries. The following is the score.

Hank Whipple	11111 11101 0w — 9
Louis Dubois	11111 10111 0w — 9
Ed. H. Gillman	11111 11111 00w —10
Cook Cousins	11111 11011 11111—14
Goff Stanton	11111 11111 11111—15
Jno. E. Long	11111 11011 11111—14
J. V. D. Eldridge	10011 11111 0w — 8
Wm. O. Lumsdon	10111 01010 0w — 6

Goff Stanton wins. PEELER.

SHOOTING AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.—A pigeon shoot between two amateurs of the Centennial city took place on Dec. 4th, at Suffolk Park. The match was not only remarkably close but of a creditable character to both contestants, Mr. Middleton winning by one bird and killing 18 out of 20 in the terms of the match. The following is the score:

SUFFOLK PARK, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4th.—Match for $50 a side, 20 birds each at 21 yards rise, 80 yards boundary.

C. Middleton	11110 11111 10111 11111—18
D. Killion	11011 11111 10111 01111—17

CHAMPAIGN, ILL., Dec. 8, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Yesterday afternoon five members of our club met in friendly contest for the club medal. The following is the score, each contestant shooting at six single and three pairs:

Curtiss	111111—6	11 01 01—4	10
Scott	101101—4	11 01 11—5	9
Conley	110101—4	10 11 11—5	9
Monroe	101101—4	01 11 11—5	9
Britton	111111—6	11 11 11—6	12

Yours truly, H. C.

TRAP SHOOTING AT GENESEO.—Geneseo, Ill., Dec. 11, 1876.—*Editar Chicago Field:*—Below please find score of match shot here on the 9th between Nate Doxey and Geo. S. Wells for $50. Fifteen birds each, 21 yards rise, 80 yards boundary, out of plunge traps. Weather very cold, 10 below zero. Doxey shot out on the 13th bird. The following is the score.

G. S. Wells.....11100 11*10 111—12 | N. Doxey .....11000 11010 00 — 5

*Dead out of bounds. Yours, W. H.

SHOOTING AT ROCHESTER, N. Y.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—The following is the score of a spirited and well contested shoot which took place at Hiram Smith's, in Brighton, on Dec. 8th, between Messrs. William H. Crittenden and George Stillson, amateur sportsmen of this city.

W. H. Crittenden... 11111 11110—9 | George Stillson .....01111 11111—9

WILD PIGEONS.—E. T. Martin to supply the demand for wild pigeons, has penetrated into the Indian Territory and captured, without losing his scalp, four thousand birds, which he offers for sale for the holiday shoots. This is the first time that wild pigeons have been brought into civilization from the haunts of the wild red man.

TRAP SHOOTING AT DEXTER PARK.—Every Thursday until further notice, also on December 25th and 26th, two full days of sweepstakes shooting.—[*Advertisement.*]

English Trap Shooting.

The two following matches were shot by the Gun Club, at Notting Hill. The first occurred Nov. 11, when, says an English cotemporary, the weather was wretched, but in spite of this there was a fair attendance. A cup was added to the event of the day, and this, with several "sweeps," helped to swell out the afternoon's practices.

OPTIONAL SWEEPSTAKES, with cup added, value £15, under the usual conditions, 3 birds at 26 yards rise, and 3 birds at 29 yards rise; 7 subs

	26 Yards.	29 Yards
Mr. H. S. Jaffray (the cup and £21)	1 1 1	1 1 1
Mr. Seaton	0 6	
Mr. "Carrington"	1 1 1	1 0
Mr. "Sydney"	1 0 1	1 0
Mr. Akroyd	1 0 1	1 1
Capt. A. Patton	1 1 1	0 1
Mr. "Booth"	1 1 1	1 1 0

The minor events fell as follows:—The first, of the value of £7, was secured by Mr. Akroyd, who killed his three birds; £29 being the value of the second, and this was carried off by Capt. A. Patton; while Mr. H. S. Jaffray swept the board of £11 in the third; £10 making up the "pool" of the last, an amount that went to the credit of Mr. "Carrington."

From the same source we learn of the second match, which took place Nov. 23, that, despite the inclement state of the weather, the members of the club mustered far more numerously than could have been anticipated. Although the bitterly cold northeasterly wind made things far from agreeable, the competitors got through a vast number of handicap sweep-takes from five traps, double guns, the use of both barrels. The principal event was an Optional Handicap Sweepstakes, with a silver cup added by the club. Fourteen gentlemen tried their luck for the prize at 6 good blue rock pigeons. After a fine display of skill Mr. "Carrington" and Mr. W. E. Alston tied by bringing down in splendid style 5 out of 6 birds each, and in shooting the tie off, bird for bird, the first-named gentleman won. The principal winners of the £1 sweepstakes were Mr. H. S. Jaffray, Capt. A. L. Patton, Mr. R. Willis, Capt Sydney and Mr. Davies. Score:

Optional Handicap Sweepstakes and the Cup.

27 —Mr. Seaton	00	25 —Mr. J. Davies	11101
27 —Mr. Booth	00	27 —Capt. G. Cumming	010
29½—Mr. Jaffray	11100	30 —Mr. Alston	110111—0
27 —Mr. Conant	010	26½—Lord Westbury	00
24 —Col. Browne	110110	26½—Mr. R. Willis	0110
29½—Cpt. Aubrey Patton	0110	29½—Mr. "Carrington"	111110—1
25 —Mr. Swift	100	(winner £30 and cup.)	
25½—Mr. "Sydney"	00		

After the Cup came a Sweepstakes with 11 competitors, which was divided between Mr. Booth, 27 yards, and Mr. Sydney, 25½ yard; value £11. An Optional Sweepstakes, which was won by Mr. Seaton, 27 yards, value £10. A Sweepstakes of £1 was won by J. Davies, value £6. The concluding event was a Sweepstakes, value £5, won by Mr. Sydney, beating four others.

Rifle.

MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—The competition in this club for a life membership and five other prizes, at 200 yards range, terminated on Friday, Dec. 8th. The weather was fitful and the wind unreliable, and the entries were less numerous than they would have been under more favorable circumstances. Sixty-four scores were made in all; a few in good weather, but most of them on windy and inclement days. Thirty-four of the scores were 40 or over in a possible 50. The winning scores were as follows:

J. A. LOWELL.

First score	4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 4 5—47
Second score	5 5 4 5 5 5 4 5 4 5—47
Third score	5 4 5 4 4 4 5 4 4 5—44—138

WM. H. JACKSON.

First score	5 5 4 5 5 4 5 5 4 4—46
Second score	5 4 5 5 5 4 4 4 4 5—45
Third score	5 4 4 4 5 4 4 3 5 5—43—134

E. TYLER.

First score	3 4 4 5 5 4 4 5 4 5—43
Second scorer	5 4 4 4 4 4 5 4 5 5—44
Third score	4 4 3 4 5 5 3 3 4 4—39—126

W. GERRISH.

First score	5 5 5 4 5 4 5 4 4 4—45
Second score	4 3 4 4 4 3 3 4 5 4—38
Third score	4 5 4 4 4 5 5 5 3 4—43—126

D. F. HUNT.

First score	4 4 4 4 5 4 4 4 3 4—40
Second score	3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 5 4—40
Third score	4 4 4 4 4 4 5 4 4 4—41—121

JOHN LINDSAY.

First score	4 4 0 4 4 3 5 5 3 4—36
Second score	4 4 5 3 4 4 4 4 4 4—41
Third score	5 4 4 3 2 3 5 5 4 4—39—115

The iron second class target is on the range, and it will be in readiness for shooting within a few days. A subscription is now on foot for the purchase of a first class target, and there is every prospect of its being speedily set up. SHELL.

The competitions for the Marksmen's badges at Conlin's Rifle Gallery, 930 Broadway, New York, are finally ended after some very spirited and well contested matches. To show the success of this year's series of contests the following facts are given.

There have been nine competitions, each averaging thirty-five entries. The total number of entries for all the competitions are three hundred and twenty-five, or, in other words, there has been three thousand two hundred and fifty shots fired for the badges, not counting the large number fired in practicing. One hundred and and twenty-five different competitors have been interested, and among that number, it can be said, without exaggeration, that most of the best off-hand shots in the country are included.

The winners of the marksmen's badges are all expert shots, most of them having not only excelled in the gallery, but at Creedmoor. The shooting in competitions has wonderfully improved the general scoring. Mr. Chas. A. Cheever made the highest score in the competitions.

5 5 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5—48

the average score per competitor is 36.

The conditions for the match were as follows: each badge to be won three times, not necessarily consecutively, to become the property of the winners; 10 shots, rifle, 22 cal., off hand, 200 yards, Wimbledon target reduced in proportion for the distance (110 feet), Creedmoor rules to govern the match. Open to all comers.

The following are the winners and also the average winning score for each badge during the competitions.

	Average.
First, Chas. A. Cheever	44
Second, C. E. Blydenburgh	43
Third, L. V. Sone	42
Fourth, H. D. Blydenburgh	41
Fifth, T. C. Banks	41
Sixth, B. S. Brown	40
Seventh, N. B. Thurston	39
Eighth, C. E. De Forest	39

RIFLE.

RIFLE AT SALT LAKE.—The Pioneer Rifle Club members are of the most energetic in the country and turn out in better force, to a match, than almost any body of marksmen whose performances we receive an account of. They have not got to long range; but they are doing better than this, for they are perfecting themselves in the real requirements of a practical rifleman before going into the "fancy" work of long range practice. We should rather have a dozen of the cracks of the Pioneer club about us in a fight than a car load of the best long distance marksmen in the country. It will be seen that the scoring was close and highly interesting. The shooting was under the N. R. A. rules at 100, 200 and 300 yards; seven shots at each range

Names.	*100 yards.*	*200 yards.*	*300 yards.*	*T'l.*
E. McLaughlin	5 4 5 5 4 5 5—31	4 4 4 4 3 5 4—28	4 4 4 4 4 3 4—27	88
J. E. Bamberger	4 5 4 5 4 5 5—32	4 5 4 5 4 3 4—29	3 4 3 4 4 4 5—27	88
G. A. Meears	5 4 5 4 4 4 4—30	4 4 4 5 5 4 4—30	3 3 4 4 4 3 5—26	86
B. Roberts	4 5 5 5 5 5 5—34	4 3 5 5 4 3 5—29	3 4 3 3 3 4 3—23	86
L. Pease	4 5 4 5 4 4 5—31	4 4 3 4 5 5 3—28	0 5 4 5 4 4 3—25	84
W. W. Chisholm	5 4 4 5 5 4 4—32	3 4 4 4 3 4 4—26	5 4 4 4 3 2 3—25	83
W. Heusser	5 4 5 5 4 4 5—32	4 3 4 4 5 3 3—26	0 3 3 4 4 3 5—22	80
J. Heusser	5 4 3 4 4 4 4—28	4 5 5 2 4 4 3—27	4 3 4 3 3 2 4—23	78
Thomas Stevens	4 4 4 5 4 4 4—26	3 4 4 4 3 4 0—22	3 4 3 4 4 4 4—26	77
R. W. Lehman	5 4 4 5 5 5 4—32	3 3 4 4 4 4 4—26	3 0 4 4 4 4 0—19	77
C. McAllister	4 4 4 4 4 4 5—29	4 3 4 2 4 3 4—24	2 3 4 3 3 4 4—23	76
F. C. Sharkey	0 4 4 5 5 4 4—26	4 3 5 3 5 4 4—28	3 4 0 4 0 3 4—18	72
J. R. Crawford	3 4 5 4 5 4 4—29	3 2 4 2 3 4 3—22	0 3 0 4 3 0 0—10	61

The prizes were: first, a sack of flour presented by J. M. Lefler; second, a steel engraving by C. R. Savage; third, shot and powder flasks by J. Toms; fourth, a box of papetrie by Miller & Co.; fifth, a hal. sack of flour by G. H. Knowlden; sixth, a tobacco safe by R. Aliff; seventh, a penholder by John Meeks; eighth, a hat by James A Woods; ninth, a fishing basket by James Hague; tenth, a game bag by Heusser Bros.

CRESCENT CITY RIFLE CLUB.—Nothing of special interest in rifle matters to report. The third competition for the "Scooler bull's-eye trophy" occurred on the 3d inst. The scores were very low, the day being exceedingly disagreeable and unfavorable for rifle shooting. It was won by Mr. Eyrich on the small score of 17 bull's-eyes, and a total score of 167 points. Won previously on 31 and 33 bull's eyes, with scores of 209 and 204. J. G.

Natural History.

Letters on Ornithology.

BY DR. ELLIOTT COUES, U. S. A.

No. 8.—NUTHATCHES.

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Sitta carolinensis.—(Natural size.)

Most amiable and forbearing of readers! you who have borne with my whims and crotchets so patiently, let me now bring you into the domestic circle of a most interesting family of birds, and show you how extremely nice they are. Reader of the CHICAGO FIELD—Mr. Nuthatch, Mrs. Nuthatch, and all the little Nuthatches, whereof there are many. Now that we are introduced, and on speaking terms, let us improve our acquaintance.

The nuthatches, you know, are related to the creepers—do you recollect what I told you about the creepers?—and not distantly; also, to the whole family of titmice, of which we shall probably know more in due course. I once employed a man, skillful in ferretting out things about bird-people, to look into their family history, to see if they were all right; and here is what he told me about the *Sittidæ*—as the nuthatches are called in the works that trace their pedigree—in his stiff, formal, professional manner.

Characters of the family Sittidæ.—Bill subcylindrical, tapering, compressed, slender, acute, not notched, nearly or about as long as the head; culmen commissure nearly straight; gonys long, convex, ascending. Nostrils rounded, concealed by tufts of bristly feathers (as in *Paridæ*). Wings long, pointed; primaries ten, the first of which is short or spurious. Tail much shorter than the wings, nearly even, of twelve soft, broad, not "scansorial" feathers. Tarsus shorter than the middle toe and claw, scutellate in front. Toes long, with large, strongly curved, compressed and acute claws, in adaptation to scansorial habits. Hallux with its claw about as long as the middle toe; the claw as long as the digit. Lateral toes of very unequal lengths. Plumage compact. Body stout, depressed. Tongue horny, acute, barbed. Habits highly scansorial; manner of climbing peculiar.

That he called his "diagnosis of the family"—by which he meant, I suppose, that these were the points by which any nuthatch might infallibly be known. I thought it was all very well, but, nevertheless, took occasion to find out some other things for myself, that interested me more. One of the most curious things about these little birds is the way they climb. Other "scansorial" or climbing birds, such as creepers and woodpeckers, use the tail as a prop or stay to assist them, pressing that member against the support by the action of special strong muscles, and the tails of those birds are well designed for such purposes, being stout and rigid. But the nimble little nuthatches require no such assistance; they scramble about in every imaginable attitude, running lightly *down* the upright trunks of trees, or along the under side of the branches, as easily as they mount upwards; and not seldom hanging by their feet head downward. They are among the most agile and adroit of creepers, and match any of our birds in restlessness and energy—the woodpecker, for instance, usually reckoned a gay and festive bird, grows prim and sedate in comparison. Though not exactly gregarious, the nuthatches are sociable birds, and often gather in troops, with which titmice, kinglets and warblers may also be mixed. They love the woodland, and are scarcely ever, if ever, found except in forests, where, furthermore, they evidently prefer the largest trees—these ambitious little things. In their relations to our own kind, they are heedless and familiar, as if they trusted to our good will in return for the invaluable services they render us in destroying incalculable numbers of noxious insects which infest our forest and fruit trees. Their confidence is too often abused by the vulgar and ignorant, who call them "sapsuckers" (which they are not) and harbor against them a wholly unmerited prejudice. The innocent and industrious nuthatches are supposed to injure trees, when the fact is, they spend their whole lives in man's service. When duly appreciated and kindly treated, they are easily trained—instances are known in which a nuthatch, free to fly away if it chose, has come to take food from our hands. As songsters, the nuthatches are undoubted failures; I never heard from one of them anything to be called a song, and their usual voice is harsh and abrupt. Besides insects, they feed upon various hard fruits, such as nuts and acorns—from which circumstance, it is supposed, is derived their curious name of "nuthatch," equivalent to "nutpecker" and perhaps altered from "nut-hacker." They build their nests in holes in trees, like titmice or woodpeckers, and dig the holes for themselves, with infinite labor. For this purpose, as well as for their general business of pecking into wood for food, and cracking nuts, their bill is admirably adapted as may be judged from the figure I give of one of the family; it is a straight, sharp chisel-like instrument, much resembling that of a woodpecker. The nuthatches are all *little* birds—the cut given above represents nearly half of one of them, of natural size.

There are nuthatches and nuthatches—a dozen or more kinds of the one genus *sitta*, to which all the *true* nuthatches belong. There are four kinds in this country—three of whom I wish you to know more particularly: the Carolina or white-bellied nuthatch, (*sitta Carolinensis*), the best known species, figured above; the Canada or red-bellied nuthatch, (*Sitta Canadensis*); the brown-headed nuthatch, (*Sitta pusilla*); and the prettiest of all, the charming little pygmy nuthatch, (*Sitta pygmæa*). The first two of these is found very generally distributed through the forests of the United States; their odd gutteral cries like *quank-quank quank*, may be heard in almost all our woods. The nuthatch of the "bonny brown hair"—little *pusillus*—is more delicate, and lives entirely in the Southern States; while the pygmy of them all makes its home in the vast pine forests of our Western and Southwestern territories.

Of these four, I shall select for special account the pygmy, my favorite, and also the one about which the least has hitherto been known. It is this little one's portrait you see here. It may be compared with the cut of the Carolina nuthatch given above. Before I had found out much about it myself, I applied again to the same professional detective whom I employed to look up the family, and this is the dry description he gave me with an air of stolid indifference:

Sitta pygmaea.—(Natural size.)

Description of Sitta pygmaea.—Upper parts sky blue, and wings with little or no markings (as in *canadensis*), though some of the outer primaries may be narrowly edged with white. Whole top of head, nape and back of neck, with the sides of the head to below the eyes, olive-brown, the lateral borders of this patch blackish, and an obsolete whitish patch at the back of the neck. Central tail feathers, like the back, but with a long white spot, and their outer webs black at the base; other tail feathers blackish, with white marks, and often also tipped with the color of the back. Entire under parts ranging in different specimens from a mere muddy white to smoky-brown or rich rusty, nearly or quite as intense as in *S. canadensis;* the flanks and crissum shaded with a duller wash of the color of the back. Bill and feet dark plumbeous, the former paler at base below. Iris black. Length about 4 inches, or rather less; extent obout 8; wing, 2⅛, tail, 1¼; tarsus, 3-5; bill about ¼.

When I was living in Arizona I became very intimate with the pygmy nuthatches, which lived all the year round in the woods about Fort Whipple, nearly in the middle of the territory. It seemed to prefer the pines, especially during the breeding season, and ranged up the mountain side to the timber line, at an altitude of 8,000 or 10,000 feet. Its habits were to me a study that never failed to please. If I loitered in listless mood among the magnificent pines, "the world forgetting, by the world forgot," absorbed in the sensuous undercurrent of merely animal existence, the vivacity of these ubiquitous little creatures seldom failed to break the spell of my dream, and bring me back to the realities that surrounded me. If I hurried breathless through the woods, in eager pursuit of some feathered prize that seemed likely to escape me, how did my haste in quest of a coveted thing differ from the bustling activity and restless energy they displayed in their search for what seemed good for them! The naturalist is never alone; solitude is not for him; he can call nothing his own—not even his thoughts, which he must be content to share with all the forms of life about him, and suffer to be carried beyond his control. "How singularly," I have said to myself, "how perfectly, do these busy troops of birds illustrate the waste of nervous force! Will they never learn to make haste slowly? Are they so full of energy that such incessant motion becomes a pleasure—a necessity? And after all, what does this eager scrambling amount to? They make a living by it, to be sure, and that is something; but so do the laziest people. Perhaps they like it; perhaps they cannot help it. *That* may be a flock of young birds, relishing their work with the zest of enthusiasts who have yet to learn the lesson that hard work teaches; *this* may be a lot of old ones, no longer buoyant, yet equally eager, for to them work has become a painful necessity, since habit has rendered idleness intolerable."

With such incessant activity as this do the pygmy nuthatches go about their daily avocations. With the appearance of the earlier broods the different families unite, and the busy throng roams through the woods, straggling from tree to tree with desultory flight, calling incessantly to each other as if to make sure that all the company keep together. They show some little preference in the matter of their hunting grounds, more rarely scrambling about the trunks than among the smaller branches of the trees, like the brown-headed nuthatches, which they resemble so closely in appearance, and they habitually resort to the terminal branchlets and foliage of the tree tops. Their diet is a mixed one, consisting in part of the minute insects which lurk in the cracks of the bark, in part of the seeds of conifers, and doubtless other small hard fruits. Their sociability is a prominent trait; indeed, they may almost be called gregarious at all times excepting during the breeding season. Flocks of a dozen or twenty, and even up to fifty or a hundred, are not seldom seen; and in the same company numbers of titmice and warblers may often be found. They are extremely noisy at such times—not clamorous in fretfulness or irritation, but with the jovial abandon of good fellowship. The notes are not susceptible of description, such is the endless variety of the queer chattering and whistling cries emitted, amidst which the peculiar *quank* of the larger nuthatches finds no counterpart. Nor are they in themselves harmonious; yet the effect of the medley is pleasing.

The nest of the pygmy nuthatch I have never found; but the nidification is now well known to agree with that of its congeners, as far as the excavation of a hole is concerned. Accounts differ respecting the lining of the cavity; according to some the eggs are simply deposited upon the chips and dust at the bottom of the hole, while in other cases a tolerably well made and consistent nest of various soft vegetable and animal substances is constructed. Doubtless both these accounts are correct, their variance being chargeable to the birds themselves. It is probable that, in some localities at least, two broods are reared each season; in Arizona, I observed the earliest young on wing in June, which would leave ample time for a second family. The eggs are not distinguishable with certainty from those of the Canada nuthatch, though said to be somewhat smaller and more pointed. They appear to have been first discovered at Fort Crook, California, by Captain (then Sergeant) John Feilner, U. S. A., who was not long afterward killed by Sioux in Dakota. In a notice of the species which he communicated to the Smithsonian Institution he concludes with a graphic portrayal of a little scene which those who have watched the birds will recognize as true to nature, ... "The pine nuts are very closely searched for their seeds; when it hammers with the bill until it has broken it in such parts as will enable it to eat the seed; if it should happen to one to drop such a seed, two or three will be seen diving after and catching it before it can reach the ground; another place will be found, and the hammering commences afresh. The scene presented by observing a party of these little birds all in a bustle and activity, engaged in breaking pine nuts, and to hear their chattering and hammering, reminds one of an immense machine shop, where all the mechanics are busily engaged in the various divisions of their craft."

This description would not require to be greatly modified to suit any of our species of nuthatches, for they are all much alike.

Base Ball.

The National League Meeting.

Owing to a small amount of business to be transacted, the League postponed the convention from the 4th to 6th, and were brief and decisive in their action. The Mutual Club was not represented, but the Athletic Club sent in one representative armed with a long and unsound disclaimer to the inevitable fate that awaited it. The Western clubs pleaded that the Athletic and Mutual Clubs should be expelled both to rule and on the general principle of the expediency of preventing such fraudulent concerns to upset their well organized plans. Anson, Bradley and Battin also pleaded that the Athletic Club should die as they had no ambition for it to live and force them to serve under its besmirched banner. In the disclaimer of the Athletic Club there were several noteworthy points. The first clause advanced in demur was—"This club has heretofore boasted a record for responsibility and honorable dealing in all its dealings, second to no club in the league . . . and its influence has always been given for honesty and honor." Turning by and by from the defensive to the aggressive argument of expediency as follows: It will be disastrous to the general interests of base-ball should there be no league club in Philadelphia, and, perhaps, more disastrous should an element that is rampant in Philadelphia get into the league in place of the Athletic Club. However, as no other club from this city had applied to your secretary on or before Nov. 6th for admission to your league, as is provided in your constitution, a two-thirds vote of your body in favor of forfeiting the membership of the Athletic Club would leave Philadelphia without any league club the ensuing season. This would, perhaps, be unfortunate for the league, as well as for the people of Philadelphia, as this city has always been, until the past season, a very strong supporter of the game, and has paid other clubs a large amount of money, the loss of which, perhaps, might not be desirable to you."

Further it argues that as the failure to fulfill contracts was not "of its own fault" as laid down by the rules, but owing to the force of unforseen circumstances, etc., that the expulsion rule did not apply. The conclusion was: "We venture to believe that the whole question will be decided by your vote and that there will not be two-thirds of your number—if indeed there be any—who think that the interests of base ball will be best served by the expulsion of the Athletic Club."

The Athletics were expelled by a unanimous vote, as were the Mutuals. Upon the meeting of the league for new business on the following day the provision for holding the drum head court martial suggested by us was not adopted, but another providing for the immediate appearance before the Board of Directors of any player accused of divergence from the straight paths of virtue; our plan was simpler and less expensive, but their plan will work as well.

The article concerning the championship series was remodeled to vary according to the number of clubs in the league at the commencement of the season. By this it is evident that not only does the league look to the admitting of clubs from New York and Philadelphia, if properly backed, but that other clubs and cities may hope for membership. A move was then made in the right direction by the recognition of outside clubs and the making of a clause to admit the best of these each year to the league without vote; the question of superiority to be decided by a series of games to be played under the league rules. A further step, however, is more marked, for the league assumes the burthen of adjudicating on disputed points between the outside professional clubs, and recognizes all contracts that are made with them after March 15th.

The playing rules were next taken into consideration, and the first question decided upon was the uniform use of the Mahn *lively ball*, thus vindicating the judgment of the CHICAGO FIELD.

The bases were made one-fourth wider and the home plate was brought entirely within the diamond to help *do away* with the fair foul. The batsman's position was also advanced one foot. To keep the batting side from encroaching upon the field, the plan adopted by the Chicago Club last year was made law, and lines are to be drawn fifteen and fifty feet distant from the foul lines to define the positions of the couchers and the rest of the inside. The toss for innings is done away with and the home nine is always to bat first. No change, unless on account of illness or damage, will be allowed in a nine after the second innings.

High and low balls are re-defined as between the shoulder and belt, and between the belt and knee; a belt ball is a low ball.

The catcher is protected by the strengthening of rule 5 as follows: "If he [the batsman] plainly attempts to hinder the catcher from catching the ball, evidently without effort to make a fair strike, or if he makes a foul strike, then he shall be declared out."

In the rule on running bases it was strange that the clause concerning returning all round after running bases on a foul, was not done away with. The liability to being put out is abolished; why then preserve the retouching of all the bases; to save time, however, the amended rule enjoins that they run instead of walk back.

The foul is done away with altogether; though not exactly as we advocated, yet in such a manner that there can be no loop-hole for the umpire to get in a partial judgment except in the cases of long hits to the out field beyond first and third.

SEC. 1. If the ball from a fair stroke of the bat first touches the ground, the person of a player, or any other object, either in front of or on the foul-ball lines, it shall be considered fair. If the ball from a fair stroke of the bat first touches the ground, the person of a player, or any other object behind the foul-ball lines, it shall be declared foul, and the ball so hit shall be called foul by the umpire even before touching the ground, if it be seen falling foul.

The following are exceptions to the foregoing section: All balls batted directly to the ground, that bound, or roll within the foul-lines between home and first, or home and third bases, without first touching the person of a player, shall be considered fair; all balls batted directly to the ground that bound or roll outside the foul-lines between home and first, or home and third bases, without first touching the person of a player, shall be considered foul. In either of these cases the first point of contact between the batted ball and the ground shall not be regarded.

There is to be no running around a base next season for: "If a base-runner, in running from home to first base, shall run inside the foul line, or three feet outside of it, he shall be declared out."

It also protects the runner, for if the ball is dropped whilst touching him he shall not be declared out. It also puts a stop to any foot-ball, for if a ball strikes a man whilst running bases he shall be out.

The faint-hearted league are still coquetting round the question of professional and paid umpires, but they are drawing on to it gradually, and will, in time, add another theory of ours to the list of accomplished facts. A long discussion ensued on the subject, and at last, as a compromise, it was decided that the umpire should be decided by lot not less than three hours before commencing a game, out of three men elected by the league in each town to do all the league umpiring. So far so good. We shall know that one of three fairly competent men will decide on the varieties of each game. Next year two out of these three will be dropped and the best man appointed; his utility will become apparent, and when he kicks for pay he will get it, and by this means we shall have regular paid umpiring. So let it be.

The most pitiable case of pusilanimous legislation was in the matter of cavilling at the umpire's decision. The penalty is to be a formal reprimand!! It reminds us of reading somewhere about a little man who went up to a big man, laid a feather on his shoulder and said: "Sir, consider yourself whipped." Imagine Dickey Pearce, or Pike, or Bradley, or Hicks writhing under a "formal reprimand?" That is the *argumentum ad absurdum* with a vengeance; but the ordinary ball player cares for nothing but the *argumentum ad hominem* as applied by a stiff fine; that is the only way from keeping his chin from wagging too freely.

The matter of scoring we will treat in our next.

Base Ball Notes.

The Philadelphia papers supposed to be interested in base ball matters, are exercised over the expulsion of the Athletics; *they did not believe that the Western Clubs dared to assert their right* to be defended against barefaced fraud. The *Item* fairly boils over with insensate rage It strives to conceal this feeling under a mask of joviality, but each word is a dismal failure. "We repeat, this is good news, because it kills the League. The clubs composing the League cannot make a dollar outside of Philadelphia, and they know it. Here the harvest is gathered, here only is found hospitality, here only is the game appreciated at its full worth....." It then advises both the Athletic and the Philadelphia teams to reorganize on the ten-men plan, and that the former be ready to "swallow up everything that comes along," for "The *Item* can procure them $25,000 apiece if they will follow its advice." From this, we presume that hitherto these two clubs have been naughty little boys and disobedient to Uncle *Item*. "Fie! fie!! naughty little boys!!! Listen to Uncle *Item*, and pocket "$25,000 each." The Mutuals are furthermore taken under the fostering wing, and are promised from $500 to $1,000 for every game they play in Philadelphia. "Cammeyer, you're in clover now; gather your chickens and be off to Philadelphia. Surely, you don't hesitate? Is $500 a game no inducement? Perhaps you doubt the ability of the *Item*. Well, in this we agree with you." Not only the Mutuals, but the embryo clubs of Baltimore and Washington are extended protection and promised fortunes. "But it must be distinctly understoyd that we ignore the League altogether." *Item*, the League is sorry; but it will try to live even though ignored by you. The *Item* insists upon ten innings, ten men, no foul bound nor fair foul (then why ten men?) and progress, and says: "If we, who are the leaders in our national game, stand upon our skill, our knowledge, our mettle (brass is it?) we shall give these ignorant, pretentious outsiders a lesson that will last them the rest of their lives."

—There has been a disagreement between Mr. Bulkely, who is running the Hartford nine, and Cammeyer, who ran the Mutuals, to ground, about the share of profits to be reaped by each if the Hartfords were to go to Brooklyn. The Union grounds will not be the headquarters of Mr. Bulkley's nine, which will still hail from Hartford, whilst a scrub nine will be doubtless raised to represent professional ball playing in the Metropolitan district.

The Boston Base Ball Association has some internal troubles, about stocks, officers, quorums, and such like. It seems that there are two parties in the association, each desirous of ruling, and that trouble may be ahead We hope not. Internecine war is not the best means of preparing to win the championship pennant; and if we are not mistaken Boston will be prominent in the battle of '77.

The Boston *Sunday Herald* of December 10th did not know very much about the doings of the league. It is glad, however, that the lively ball is decided upon, but hopes that there will be no pounding of the ball before the game. When our contemporary sees the rules it will find the league have been "fly" to such little games.

—Devlin and the Louisville base-ball club do not hit it off completely, and there is surely trouble ahead for the Kentucky club. Devlin at the best is an unreliable player, owing to his temper; but when this is determinedly working counter to the interests of the club, "up goes the sponge."

The Philadelphia *Sunday Republic* in place of its usual half column or so of pleasant ball notes, accepts the situation with just twelve lines.

—Cuthbert is said to be inclining towards the Indianapolis base-ball club. He may yet be a leaguer notwithstanding.

Miscellaneous.

DESIDERATA IN SMOKING.—According to Dr. Berthand, in the *Tribune Medicale*, whatever be the mode of smoking, direct contact of the tobacco with the "*mucus buccalis*"—mucous lining of the cheeks—and the teeth must be avoided; cigars should be smoked in an amber, ivory, or enameled porcelain mouthpiece; to smoke, by relighting them, portions of cigars that have been extinguished, together with the system of blackened and juicy pipes, must be avoided, as it is the surest way of being affected by nicotine; every smoker would do well, if practicable, to rinse his mouth after smoking, and it would be well to subject pipes and bowls in which tobacco has been burned to frequent washings either with ether or with water mixed with alcohol or with vinegar. The cigarette is preferable, by reason of its slight quantitative importance, and the paper which interferes with the contact of its contents with the buccal mucous membrane; but to realise all the desiderata in this case it would be necessary to have the "papelito" made of flax thread, and to abstain from the practice which has become so universal—of retaining the aspiration at the back of the mouth, so as to pour it out of the nostrils afterward.

THROUGH CARS TO FLORIDA.—With the change of time on the Louisville and Nashville and Great Southern Railroad, through Pullman palace cars have been placed on this line, running between Louisville and Jacksonville, as follows: On the day express, leaving Louisville at 10:15 A. M., palace sleeper will run through, *via* Montgomery, Eufaula, Albany and Live Oak, to Jacksonville, without change. On the night express, leaving Louisville at 12:40 A. M., there will also be palace sleepers, which will run through *via* Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Macon, Jesup, etc., to Jacksonville without change.

Round-trip tickets, good going and returning same way, or tourist tickets, good going and returning by a different route, are on sale at three cents per mile.

Tourist tickets are a new feature for Southern pleasure-seekers. They will be good from date of sale until the 1st day of June following, and can be so arranged as to take in any and all the principal Southern cities. With these liberal rates and superior facilities, this well established line should receive a very large addition to its passenger business. It is undoubtedly one of the best equipped and most carefully arranged railroads in the country.

Kennel.

Kennel Fixtures for 1876.

Illinois Poultry Association Bench Show, Bloomington, Ill. Dec. 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th—Secretary, Jas. M. Wills

Kansas City Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Frank's Hotel, Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19, 20, 21 and 22.—D. L. Hall, Sec'y.

FOR 1877.

Maryland Poultry and Fanciers Association Bench Show, Baltimore, Md., Jan. 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th. G. O. Brown, Sec. Entries close Dec. 20, 1876.

Iowa State Poultry Association Bench Show, Cedar Rapids, Jan. 23d, 24th, 25th, and 26th—A. C. Taylor, Supt.

National Association of Fanciers Bench Show, Chicago, Feb. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. Entries close Feb. 5th.—C. J. Ward, Sec'y.

Mange.

BY ARNOLD BURGES.

A few references to our answers to correspondents will reveal the fact that mange in one or the other of its forms, is a very frequent as well as most unwelcome visitor to the kennel. Few men, however, understand its treatment, and many do not know even the origin and character of the true disease, but from the bare fact that it is a cutaneous disorder, they are led to imagine that all eruptions must of necessity be mange. Bad as the case really is, it is not so bad as this, and a great portion of the troubles ascribed to this source are really only surfeit or the irritation caused by fleas or lice. Young dogs are even more subject to these attacks than older ones, since the peculiarities of their constitution and manner of life especially predispose them to such. An examination of the coat and knowledge of past antecedents will, however, disclose the true nature of the case and relieve anxiety, as the minor disorders are much more easily removed than the true mange.

When fleas or lice have been present for any length of time, they are not only visible to the eye, but the skin is also made rough and scabby by the inflamation they cause, of course the remedy lies in their complete and absolute removal, the surest and quickest agents being found in Keating's Persian Insect Powder or Ballard's Flea Killer, both working effectually and with perfect safety to the dog.

Blotch or surfeit comes from high living, the blood, being heated thereby, causing an eruption to appear, generally upon the spine, sides or head, and occassionally upon the inside of the thighs and skin of the belly. Lumps of matted hair are first noticed, and after a day or two these fall off leaving the skin raw and wet with a thin watery discharge. As we have said, puppies are very liable to surfeit from the super-abundance of food given with the desire to force their growth. It is evident then that to effect a cure the diet must be radically changed and the system lowered by alteritives and cooling food. A dose of castor oil or other mild aperient should first be given, and after this has taken effect, a vegetable diet and plentiful, regular exercise should be insisted on. If the dog refuses to eat from the lack of the things upon which he has formerly feasted, let him alone. Present the food once or at most twice a day, and if it is rejected, remove it at once and wait till hunger prompts its acceptance. The dog will not starve; a little abstinence will do him good and hasten the return of health. This disease unlike mange, is not contagious, and from this fact furnishes a fair, though not absolute, proof of its real nature, the exceptions being those individuals occasionally met with that appear to enjoy an immunity to the ills canine flesh is heir to.

True mange is caused by a parasite of either animal or vegetable origin which attacks the skin, burrowing therein and depositing its eggs beneath the surface. This disease is, as a rule, highly contagious, and when it once attacks a kennel, prompt measures are necessary to save all the inmates from inoculation. There is also no question that mange, if neglected, so poisons the blood of its victim, that a permanent taint is established, almost impossible to eradicate, and transmissable to the produce even after all show of disease has disappeared from the original sufferer.

Mange is divided by some authorities into several kinds, but it seems probable that there are but three distinct varieties, the others being off shoots or abnormal forms of these. The ordinary divisions are foul mange, virulent mange and red mange. Of these the first is far the most to be dreaded, since before it can be established the blood must have become impure, and the disease constitutional. The cause is generally a gross condition of the system, induced by long continued high living, with little or no exercise, resulting in a complete derangement of the blood and the organs which form the natural drains of the body. Surfeit, if neglected, will sometimes produce foul mange, though the latter differs essentially in its exhibitions, so that it need never be mistaken for the former. Foul mange is shown by a constant and terrible itching, which causes the dog to scratch unceasingly. The skin thickens in places and cracks open, with an offensive discharge and ulceration round the edges of the scabs. This discharge dries and forms scales upon the hair, which are torn off by the dog, leaving the surface raw and often honeycombed with small holes. The first object in treating this disease should be to establish normal secretions, by which the impurities may be thrown off, and at the same time to deprive the dog of all food which by heating the blood will protract the trouble. A strong aperient should first be given, and continued till the bowels are well opened. Small quantities of food should be allowed, consisting of vegetables only, alternated with oatmeal porridge, and the dog must be starved till he will eat these. When the stomach has been somewhat toned down by a few days abstinence from a meat diet, Fowlers solution of arsenic should be given three times a day, commencing with a dose of one drop for each four pounds the dog weighs, and after a day or two, increasing this a drop at a dose, till the dog loses his appetite or the whites of his eyes become injected. This will show that the medicine has taken hold of the system, and it should now be discontinued for forty-eight hours and then taken up with a somewhat smaller dose and continued as before, for weeks or even months till a complete restoration is accomplished. For an external dressing, nothing is better than an ointment of red precipitate two ounces, vehicle turpentine three ounces, beeswax one and a half ounce and lard four ounces. This must, however, be used with great care, only a little being applied at a time and this thoroughly rubbed in to prevent the dog licking it off. The result of this treatment is often a weakening of the system so that a course of tonics will be required to restore its former vigor. One of the best is compound tincture of bark, two ounces, decoction of yellow bark, fourteen ounces. The dose being for a good sized dog three tablespoonsful twice a day.

Virulent mange owes its origin either to contagion or to a lack of cleanliness in the kennel. If the dogs are closely confined and the kennel neglected, so that filth accumulates infecting the air and the coat, this form of mange is sure to appear sooner or later. It is true parasitic mange, but may be either vegetable or animal in its character. The former is more apt to attack young pups while the latter is indiscriminate, though usually selecting adult animals for its victims. The symptoms are a dry rough skin, with dull coat, falling off of hair in large patches of irregular form, constant itching, unusual thirst and fever of low type. With the animal parasite the irritation of the skin from scratching causes scabs to form, from which a watery discharge flows; but this manifestation is not so marked when the vegetable parasite is present, as the itching is not so acute. The latter form is somewhat more obstinate in its resistance to treatment, but yields to the same remedies if persisted in. As in other cases, an aperient must first be resorted to, followed by vegetable diet and an external application of green iodide of mercury one part, lard sixteen parts, well rubbed into the roots of the hair. This ointment is also poisonous, and great caution must be used to prevent the dog licking it off, and also to keep him warm and dry for some days after the application. It too should be used in very small portions at a time. A course of the tonic already prescribed will probably be beneficial.

Red mange is very different from the varieties just described, being evidently a disease affecting the coloring matter of the hair, since this is altered, as the name would indicate. White dogs become of a brick-dust color, and black or dark colored ones assume a brownish red tinge. The inside of the fore legs and the elbows are first attacked, later the inside of the thighs, and finally the back if the disease is allowed to spread. The skin does not present the scabby appearance noticed in the other forms, unless the itching is more than usually severe and the scratching proportionally great. Nor is the general health of the dog affected. The disease comes from overfeeding and too warm quarters. A bed of wheat straw is also said to induce it if the broken stalks and dust are not removed. The treatment is precisely similar to that for virulent mange, except that in bad cases the arsenic solution may be used to advantage, though it is not necessary to carry this on to the extent required to in foul mange. A small quantity of spirits of turpentine may also prove beneficial, mixed with the iodide of mercury and lard.

Proper care and attention to the kennels will secure freedom from attacks coming from such source; and though when dogs are taken into the public streets or other places where they mingle with their kind, it is not always possible to avoid contact with mangy animals, the disease may be detected in its early stages if frequent examination is made as it should be. Beyond this, and proper attention to the food, no precaution is possible; but no time should be lost, or neglect allowed, in applying remedies as soon as trouble is noticed.

The Memphis Field Trials and Rules.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—Unfortunately for me I was prevented by business matters from witnessing the Field Trials at Memphis; and though I cannot say that I saw the weak points of the kennel club rules demonstrated, the CHICAGO FIELD has so clearly set forth the objectionable features, that I shall venture to offer a few innovations for the consideration of all interested. Possibly the ideas I shall present are not new; if so, I have of course no desire to claim authorship. I had intended presenting the same last Summer, but as the new rules adopted by the National Kennel Club seemed to give general satisfaction, I thought any suggestion from me on the subject would appear useless and uncalled for. As I have not the kennel club rules, I cannot, as I would like, refer to them directly, and by retaining the many features which have given general satisfaction, and by suggesting changes and innovations, present a complete new set of rules. If my views are thought worthy of consideration, I shall take pleasure in preparing, with much more care than I can now give the subject, a full set of rules.

Personally I have a poor opinion of the single dog system; that is turning down but one dog at a time to run a trial, but as it seems to find favor with most sportsmen, at least for puppy trials, I shall try to show how I think some of its objectionable features can be overcome. In judging of a dog's field work two elements should be considered; *what* is done and *how* it is done. A great deal poorly done is no more than an an equivalent for less done in a proportionately better manner; or more directly, a given number of points made by a pottering dog should not receive a higher credit than a less number of points on game, made by a fast stylish animal.

For instance, let every point on game count one (1) and let every dog (running in a "single dog" trial) have five (5) opportunities to point and let flushes except as hereafter provided for, count merely as lost opportunities and receive no penalty. Let the pace or speed shown in the trial be graded from 1 to 5. Suppose three dogs A. B. and C. run, and that the judges give A 3 for speed, B 4 and C 5. If A gets five points on game his point credit will be 5, but his *full credit* will be his point credit 5 (*what* he has done) multiplied by his pace mark 3 (*how* he has done it), making 15. Supposing B gets four points (4) and C gets three points (3) their respective *full credits* will stand B, 16 and C 15. Their work without considering points for retrieving, backing, etc., which embrace other elements, shows, as i should, about equal scores. And now as to *the flush*. The word signifies too much, and therefore its use should be modified or limited, or specific terms must be used to signify different kinds of flushes. I claim that a dog which flushes (starts) a bird without violating any of the rules, judging by which a dog may be properly called *perfectly broken*, deserves no penalty, though the loss of the opportunity to point is just. It is impossible to take from a trial in the field the element of luck which too often beats the best dogs in a stake. Every sportsman can recall scores of cases when the flushes, so called, were no fault whatever of his "old reliable."

In my opinion *flush* should only apply at least in field trial rules, to the following cases. When a dog having pointed breaks his point and starts the bird; where refusing to back and by crowding up to or in front of the dog pointing he starts the bird; and where by breaking shot he springs the bird. These three cases deserve a penalty. Another case possible, though not probable, to occur in a public trial; if a dog in retrieving, while having the bird in his mouth, should start a bird, it should not count a flush or thereby receive a penalty, nor should it count as a *lost opportunity*; but if a dog in retrieving, with the dead bird in his mouth, staunchly points another bird, then it should be counted not only as an *opportunity gained*, but *a point* made *in addition* to the five regular opportunities given by the rules.

All flushes to receive a penalty of 3. Chasing to receive a penalty of 5. Chasing twice to expel from the stake. A flush and chase following, a penalty of 8.

A dog refusing to back or to retrieve or to drop or stand to shot or wing, shall receive no penalty, though the judges in marking will of course take into consideration his action in regard to these various points in his breaking. A dog refusing to back and then crowding forward and taking the point shall of course receive no credit for his point. The general marks of merit shall be for:

Style	1 to 5	Quartering	1 to 5
Backing	1 to 5	Retrieving	1 to 5
Staunchness	1 to 5		

Dropping or standing to shot and wing 1 to 5.

Each false point to receive a penalty of 2 marks.

The breaker's credit mark, determining which is the best broken dog, shall be made up by adding the marks on backing, staunchness, quartering, retrieving and dropping or standing to shot and wing, and deducting the penalty for false points and the penalties for flushing and for chasing.

All the preceding may apply to "the single dog system;" but in case of two dogs running, as a brace or as opponents, a few changes should be made. Eight (8) opportunities to point should be allowed the two dogs. In the case of braces, both dogs shall continue to run until the eight (8) opportunities shall have been offered. In the case of two dogs, running as opponents, either dog having had five (5) opportunities to point should be taken up, and the other left to run out the eight. Thus the slow or unfortunate will have at least three opportunities to point, and stand a fair chance against a fleet opponent, which has possibly "run his head off."

Chasing three times to expell a brace from the stake.

In marking for braces the marks should be made just as if the dogs were opponents; except in marks for quartering, where the joint performance of the brace should be considered, and the marks to each should be that which would be given them as a brace. If they as a brace deserve three for quartering, then each dog deserves three, though one of them as a single handed dog might deserve four, or even higher, for quartering.

The breaker's credit mark in braces shall be made up by adding together the breaker's credit mark of each dog in the brace, as hereto explained. I append a few scores in explanation of the foregoing ideas.

A., B. and C. run singly, *without* opponents. H. and K. run as opponents, and L. and M. as opponents in a second trial. In the third trial W. and X. run as a brace, and Y. and Z. as a brace:

	A	B	C	H	K	L	M	W	X	Y	Z
Breaker's Credit Mark	20	19	11	18	18	24	15	18 } 37	19 }	20 } 29	9 }
Full Trial Mark	38	39	31	38	43	36	39	32 } 58	26 }	40 } 59	19 }
LESS PENALTIES. Chase—each 5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Flush—each 3	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	6
False Points—each 2	4	2	...	...	...	...	6	...	4	...	...
Full Credit	42	41	39	41	43	36	45	35	30	40	30
Dropping or Standing to Shot and Wing—1 to 5	5	3	5	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	5
Retrieving—1 to 5	5	4	3	5	0	5	4	5	5	0	5
Quartering—1 to 5	4	5	5	5	5	4	3	3	3	5	5
Staunchness—1 to 5	5	5	1	2		5	5	3	5	5	5
Backing—1 to 5	5	4	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	0
Style—1 to 5	3	4	5	5	5	3	4	4	3	4	5
Full Point Credit	15	16	15	15	20	9	20	10	4	16	5
Pace—1 to 5	3	4	5	5	5	3	4	5	2	4	5
Multiplied by	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Points on Game—each counting 1	5	4	3	3	4	3	5	2	2	4	1
Lost opportunities—no penalty not used in score	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	3
Name of Dog	A	B	C	H	K	L	M	W	X	Y	Z

I have forgotten to call attention to a fact in regard to flushes. A dog may flush, and even chase, and not thereby lose one of his five opportunities. This can only occur where in refusing to back a flush is made. The justice of not counting this flush a lost opportunity to point is clear, since a point made by crowding in ahead of another dog, already on a point, is never counted, and as no opportunity to count a point existed, no opportunity could be lost.

Yours truly, GROUSE.

The Polygar.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 11, 1876.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—In your issue just at hand I read with interest an anecdote concerning the Polygar, Pharkee, and as a number of your readers are dog men, as evidenced from the preeminent excellence of the CHICAGO FIELD in this department, I assume the pleasant conceit that a slight description of this breed of dogs will not be unacceptable.

The Polygar is a distinct species of dog, indigenous to the East Indies, and peculiar to one section of that vast empire. North of the Central Provinces there is a tribe called Polygars, and this remarkable breed of dogs are to be obtained in their purity only from that tribe, or from persons who have exported thence and in-bred.

The Polygar in form is that of a half bred greyhound, with a broader, flatter head, and fuller muzzle. It has the deep chest, fine, sloping shoulders, immense muscular development, (especially about the shoulder), but has not that tucked up appearance in the flank that is such a marked characteristic of the greyhound, though it is rather herring-gutted than otherwise. The loins are broad and powerful; the legs are very much sickle-shaped, which gives them the considerable speed they possess, in conjunction with wonderful staying qualities. The feet are broad, firm and fully webbed. The tail is rat-like, and carried after the manner of a grey hound. The distinctive property, however, of the breed is the coat; the skin is soft as a glove and wonderfully elastic, though by no means well protected from the burning rays of the tropical sun. The hair, if hair you can call it, grows out of the skin in small tufts, just as are the hairs in a cheap scrubbing or nail brush, and is very short; in fact it only just rises above the surface of the skin, and to pull the hair of a polygar without tweezers would be a difficult job. The height is about that of a well grown setter; the weight somewhat less.

In hunting, it pursues its game by sight, as does the grey hound; but where the grey-hound's usefulness ceases the polygar's begins for when the chase becomes "lost to sight" it is not also "to memory dear" for the polygar runs up to the point of disappearance, drops its nose somewhat and continues the chase by scent. In this it is almost as good as the hound, though it runs mute.

Taken altogether it is a very valuable animal to the hunter of four footed game no matter of what kind. There is no animal if at all well wounded that can escape from a polygar; it has considerable speed, keen sight, a fine nose, almost inexhaustible staying ability, great power and dauntless courage, combined with a perceptive discretion that will keep it from rushing headlong on to a dangerous foe without being urged so to do, or in a case of necessity.

It was my good fortune to own a couple of these valuable animals for over two years; the one, old Major, was as pure bred as the purest, but Tippoo had a cross in him of some sort—I suspect from his appearance, of the grey-hound. With these two dogs I had many a fine bit of sport. Never did I lose a wounded beast when Major and Tippoo were with me, and many a deed worthy of high commendation have they jointly or severally accomplished.

It is not one dog in a hundred that is not a bull-dog or bull-terrier that would willingly tackle a wildcat, even if well backed by others, but either of these polygars—old Major especially, was ready and willing to tackle a wildcat whenever one was fallen in with. A few days after the pair came into my possession a native hunter brought in a junglee-billee—wildcat—in a box; it was quickly purchased, and on inspection proved to be a fine large specimen. Our compound was large with no obstructions to spoil a course, so the dogs were sent for and held whilst the box was knocked to pieces; as soon as he was free the cat went off with long bounding strides, and after fair law the dogs were slipped. Major got a good deal the best of the slip and ran up to the cat some two lengths ahead of Tippoo, and as the "varmint" felt the hot breath of his pursuer on his stern he turned and fixed teeth and twenty claws into old Major's head and breast. He never howled during the whole worry, and by the time he at the belly and Tippoo at the back had finished the cat off he was an ugly looking dog about the front, with somewhat the appearance of an Irishman who has had the worst of a free fight.

Shortly after this a friend and myself were out black buck shooting. We had sighted a herd, and had divided to stalk them, or rather we had each followed our own ideas of how best to get at the game. I was some thirteen years the junior, and was brimful of enthusiasm and energy, so I determined on a stalk. H. was somewhat *ennuyee* with many years of Indian life and sport, so determined to take it easy, and get into a ravine that seemed to trend towards the antelopes. After some considerable stalking I had worked my way up within two hundred yards of the herd, when they took fright for some cause, and came galloping diagonally towards me, and passing at about one hundred yards. I let drive at a fine buck—the only good pair of horns in the herd—and rolled him over. Hardly had I emerged from my cover and started towards my game when I heard the report of H.'s rifle, followed by the shrill pipe of his whistle, which was the "assembly." So I just unsexed the buck and started towards the place where I was wanted. I shortly saw H., and on reaching him found him standing on the brink of the ravine with the two dogs beside him, whilst the dog-boy was flaying a huge hyæna. H.'s account was much as follows: "I went up the nullah and found it took a sudden twist that ought to bring me close to the antelopes, and after winding along for some time, I came to a regular *cul de sac*. Just then you fired and I was going to scramble up the bank when that great beast, roused doubtless by your shot, got right up in front of me and charged. I sprang down out of his way and he went straight towards the dogs who were at heel with the boy, and they just grabbed him and the three went down in a heap to the bottom of the nullah. At first I thought I would let them fight it out; but the dogs were entangled in their chains and I was afraid lest the brute should get a snap at them and break a leg, notwithstanding that they had him well pinned. I got down alongside of the maul, and getting a chance, I put a ball into his heart. By Jove! those dogs are worth a lac" Now, as a lac of rupees is $5,000, it is evident that the experienced old hunter thought no "small beer" of their achievement. Nor was it a mean one. A full grown dog hyæna of the striped kind, in his wild state, is a formidable beast, and with his huge teeth and powerful jaws would inflict terrible wounds, and H. was quite justified in putting an end to the fight, for a grip across the loins would have ended the fighting of either of the dogs.

I could write a deal about those two polygars, but will refrain, concluding with a capper to the Pharkee story. During a shooting trip in the hills and accompanied by a son and two daughters of old Major who had died from a snake bite, I was making one of my regular morning marches; the sun was well up; I did not expect any game, and was mounted on my pony whilst my dog-boy carried the rifle and the dogs trotted at heel. Suddenly Rip, who had inherited all the nose of his sire Major, and a great deal of the speed of his half bred grey hound dam, darted away, and the bitches followed him, and I heard the rush of light hoofs as the chase stampeded. I rode on; in about twenty minutes the bitches rejoined me; but Rip came not. I took no heed of this, and went on to camp. He was lost. I knew that no scent would lie in that burning heat and on that rocky, sandy soil, sufficient for him to track me out, so I surmised if he was to be found anywhere, it would be on the back track; I communicated with the police and sent a letter by them to their superintendent, a friend of mine, and at whose house, seventy miles away, I had made a halt of a couple of days. I went on and in two days reached the house of the officer of police of another district, also a friend of mine, with whom I was to conclude my shooting trip. Four days after my arrival Rip was returned with a note, the burden of which was that on the Friday morning (the morning after he left me) about half past five Rip was in the veranda of his house and greeted him when he was about to start on his morning rounds. He looked tired and travel stained and partook heartily of a dish of bread and milk. From the point where I lost him to P's house could not have been less than sixty five miles by the road I had traveled, a mere cart track, nor less than fifty five miles in a bee line.

WILL O'THE WISP.

THE OLD AND YOUNG HEAD.—New York, Dec. 9, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—I notice in the columns of the *Rod and Gun* some remarks which I deem very unfair from a *sportsman's* paper (that word is much abused), about your business way of calling attention to defaulting subscribers; well, that is business, and shows you want a square deal, so as to give all the same show. As to news in your paper, why a copy contains more local American as well as foreign news, interesting to sportsmen, than any half dozen copies of the *Rod and Gun*. The *Rod and Gun* at one time was a good paper, but it has dwindled down to such an extent that it is now not regarded as an authority. I write you this letter merely in friendship, and can only say if you have not got an *old* head, at least you have a *good* one, and a very long one at that.

I cannot forbear comparing the reports of the Memphis Field Trials, the one from the *old* head and that from the *young* head. That from the young was what the sportsmen were looking for; that from the old head was simply nothing, and what there was of it was all wrong. You filled the bill entirely. As for your wisdom teeth, sir, I think you have not only got yours, but the *old* head has lost his.

Yours respectfully, FAIR PLAY.

The Baltimore Dog Show.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 9, 1876.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD.—I write to inform you of our increased success in securing more special prizes. The Mayor of Baltimore, is now with us, and I can tell you we expect to have a grand show. I never in all my life saw such interest manifested before. The specials are as follows:

No. 1.—Grand prize of $100 cash, given by the hotels and private subscriptions, for the best setter or pointer, dog or bitch.

No. 2.—Dr. J. D. Logan, 171 North Charles street, Baltimore, gives $25 for the best setter dog or bitch exhibited, either imported or native, to be determined by its breeding, form, and apparent qualities denoting excellence.

No. 3.—Chas. F. Bancroft, Esq., offers a fine painting, value $40, for the best English setter bitch, either native or imported.

No. 4.—Dr. W. H. Keener, offers $25, to be given to the best English setter dog, for stud purposes, either native or imported, to be shown with not less than two of his get.

No. 5.—J. Addison Smith, Esq., of Baltimore, offers a splendid double barreled breech loader, for the best native English setter dog.

No. 6.—F. O. de Luze, agent for Spratt's dog biscuits, New York, offers one case of Spratt's dog biscuits, weight 112 lbs., value $10, for the best native English setter bitch.

No. 7.—Messrs. Clark & Sneider, manufacturers of the Sneider breech-loading shot gun offer a silver cup, to be given to the best Irish setter dog, for stud purposes, either native or imported, to be shown with not less than two of his get.

No. 8.—W. H. Holabird, sportsmen's clothier, Valparaiso, Ind., offers a shooting coat, value $10, for the best Irish setter dog, native or imported, entered by a resident of Maryland.

No. 9.—F. O. de Luze, offers one case of Spratt's dog biscuits, weight 112 lbs., value $10, for the best native Irish setter bitch.

No. 10.—Messrs. Smith & Whiting, Agents, Oriental Powder Co., give a handsome prize, consisting of a case of assorted powder of their manufacture, to be given to the best Gordon setter dog, for stud purposes, either native or imported, to be shown with not less than two of his get.

No. 11.—F. O. de Luze, offers one case of Spratt's dog biscuits, weight 112 lbs., value $10, for the best native Gordon setter bitch.

No. 12.—Merchant Shot Tower Co., offers 8 bags of bird shot, for the best native Gordon setter dog.

No. 13.—United States Lounge Co., give a camp lounge, (combined with pillows and fly net) in valise form, for the best Gordon setter puppy, dog or bitch, under 12 months' old.

No. 14.—Messrs. Trimble & Kleinbacker, sportsmen's depot, offer a handsome English leather gun case, with cartridge tray, and will also add a silver plate, with name of winner on, suitably engraved, to be given to the best pointer dog, for stud purposes, to be shown with not less than two of his get.

No. 15.—Edward Melchior, dealer in fine guns, 116 West Pratt street, Baltimore, offers a valuable Smith & Wesson pistol, to be given to the best stud pointer dog, under 50 lbs weight, to be shown with not less than two of his get.

No. 16.—Mr. Schumaker, dealers of fine guns, etc., Baltimore, gives a handsome parlor rifle, for the best pointer dog under 50 lbs weight.

No. 17.—J. J. Turner, Jr., Esq., offers $25 for the best pointer puppy, dog or bitch, under six months' old.

No. 18.—Alex. McComas, Esq., dealer in fine guns, Baltimore, offers a very splendid, silver-mounted Swiss shooting rifle, to be given to the best couple of fox hounds, dogs or bitches.

No. 19.—Messrs. Wagner's "Green House Restaurant" offers a silver cup for the best Chesapeake Bay duck dog or bitch.

No. 20.—S. R. Scoggins, dealer in fish and game, offers a handsome gold medal, engraved and embossed, for the best Chesapeake Bay duck dog or bitch.

No. 21.—Merchant Shot Tower Co., Baltimore, offers 8 bags of duck shot for the best Chesapeake Bay duck dog or bitch.

No. 22.—Messrs. Courtney, Brothers & Co., grocers, etc., Baltimore, will give a case of fine old sherry wine for the best beagle dog or bitch.

No. 23.—Messrs. May & Fairal, grocers, etc., Baltimore, gives a case of green seal champagne for the best retrieving spaniel, orther than pure Irish.

No. 24.—W. A. Lilly, Esq., of Baltimore, offers a handsome dog kennel, to be given to the best setter or pointer dog or bitch, to be entered by a resident of Baltimore.

No. 25.—Chas. F. Bancroft, Esq., Baltimore, offers a handsome parlor pistol, for the best Italian greyhound dog or bitch, and in addition, H. Broadhead, Esq., gives a handsome silver collar for the same class.

No. 26.—Messrs. D. J. Foley, Bro., & Co., wholesale grocers and commission house, offer 2 ¼ kegs best Hazard duck powder No. 4, for Chesapeake Bay dog or bitch, also 12 one-pound cans of Hazard's electric powder for the best Gordon setter dog or bitch.

No. 27.—An amateur sportsman offers $25 cash for the best brace of setters of any strain, dogs or bitches.

No. 28.—Ballard's Flea Powder Co., through Messrs. Lazell, Marsh & Garden, New York, give one dozen packages of powder for the best poodle dog or bitch. No extra entrance fee.

No. 29.—George W. Webb, Esq., jeweller, etc., Baltimore, offers a splendid silver cup for the best pointer dog, under 50 lbs. weight, for stud purposes, to be shown with not less than two of his get.

No. 30.—Alexander Wolley, taxidermist, Baltimore, offers a splendid case of stuffed American game birds, to be given to the best Irish setter bitch, native or imported.

No. 31.—R. Q. Taylor, hatter and dealer in fine furs, Baltimore, offers a very fine seal skin cap, to be given to the best Irish setter bitch, native or imported.

No. 32.—Ferdinand C. Latrobe, Esq., mayor of Baltimore, offers $20 for the best Chesapeake Bay duck dog, or bitch.

No. 33.—John P. Moore & Sons, gun dealers, 300 Broadway, New York, offer one Colt's 5 shot pistol, nickel and ivory, plated, for the best native English setter puppy under 12 months, dog or bitch.

No. 34.—Chris. Sivan "Cottage Saloon" offers a handsome silver plated ice water pitcher for the best Irish water spaniel, dog or bitch.

No. 35.—A. L. Webb & Son, agents Dupont's gunpowder offer three kegs of eagle duck powder for the best dog for ducking purposes; also a case of assorted powder for the best pair of pointers.

No. 36.—A friend of the dachshunds offers a very handsome silver hunting horn for the best dachshund, dog or bitch.

N. B.—Separate entries must be made for all special prizes. Entry fees the same as the association fees, $2.00 for each entry.

Entries close December 20th.

Every possible care will be taken of the dogs, and I will give my best attention to all dogs sent without their owners.

Railroad arrangements.—The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will carry dogs free, to and from the exhibition, from all stations on their lines.

The Pennsylvania Central will also carry dogs free on their road, east of Pittsburg, to the show.

The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad will also carry dogs free. Yours truly, CHAS. LINCOLN, *Supt.*

The Memphis Field Trials.

WARREN, O., Nov. 30, 1876.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—The ever welcome Thanksgiving day is here. This has become a holiday that is acknowledged as standing equal in rank to Christmas and New Year's. To the sportsman, however, Thanksgiving is the best day of the three, for it comes in the midst of the shooting season, and as it is supposed that on this occasion man's stomach receives the greatest consideration, any one having guns and dogs who is not able to beautify the table by a tempting and savory offering of grouse or quail is unworthy the name of sportsman. Though to many persons turkey is the same, whether he has been the family pet, been raised on selected food, confining his wanderings to the limits of the barn-yard, and has met his fate by the axe, after being seized in the darkness of night from off his perch, or whether he is that noble wild fowl that has his haunts in the depth of the wild wood, and failing to escape the crafty hunter, at the crack of the gun tumbles fluttering at the shooter's feet. I greatly regret that to-day I must dine on the kind first mentioned, my scruples not being strong enough to prevent me from so doing; and I dare say that if I depended on turkeys or quails for sustenance, I would be considerably reduced both in flesh and pocket; for turkeys we could shoot if any existed within a radius of twenty miles, while quails, that are quite plentiful in the corn and stubble fields, we are prohibited from killing. But all this is not that of which I started to write.

It was of Memphis and the field trials. What a treat and great benefit they were to gentlemen who were able to attend, and we, who by reason of the distance and lack of time and money were unable to be present, must receive our benefit through your enterprising journal. In my mind's eye I can see the blue blooded Drake as he beautifully quartered the field at such speed and style that he received the highest honors of all, and now stands the champion field trial dog of America. And the blue belton Paris, whom I have watched since his first public appearance at the Detroit dog show, where he received first honors, up to the present time. He stands third, and it seems is equal to the champion save in pace and quartering. I think Paris is a pretty good dog still, and believe "Dog-whip" is of the same opinion. As near as I can figure, Drake, Stafford and Paris simply share the honors of the field, being dogs that their owners may well be proud of. And for the other blue-bloods, who did not quite equal the winners, I think I would not pass them without giving due credit for qualities that would put to blush hundreds of sporting dogs throughout the country.

What a pretty sight the puppy class must have been, as they pranced around eager to make their first effort for public favor? But one of plebian blood was successful, while the "blues," according to your report, were better dogs in every respect. I reckon Mr. Davidson *did* train Isabella to win; the principle being the same in his breaking as in his field shooting, for he breaks to win and he shoots to kill. His reputation will testify this. And if the rules governing the puppy class were defective, let them be amended, and next year Mr. D. will try again and break a puppy to win by the new regulations. Clip, Countess, Pride of the South and others of the same strain, with their bright eyes and keen noses will give their owners many a good day's sport in time to come, and take the places of their noble ancestors in future bench shows and field trials.

The sportsmen of Memphis deserve great encomiums for conducting field trials in such a straightforward manner that they draw large attendance from a distance. No little time and money must be expended, and, after all, while it is almost impossible to please every one, yet no one can complain of his treatment at Memphis; and no doubt next season will witness a still larger attendance than at any previous meeting. All honor, then, to our Southern brethren who have firmly established trials of speed and skill in this country.

I think some time ago a writer in your columns suggested that we should have field trials nearer home. I agree with him in this, and think there is no reason why it cannot be accomplished. Some locality midway between the East and West should be chosen accessible to all. The meeting could be held a little earlier than that of Memphis; and there are plenty of places where quails can be found in abundance. This last is a very important feature; the fact that the birds were scarce at Memphis was a serious obstacle, that was only overcome by those running their dogs, not shooting the birds, except at the order of the judges. Certainly a place should be selected where game is plentiful and every bird can be shot at that is flushed. It only needs a few sportsmen to take the lead and others will fall into line, and then comes the hard earnest work that is always required, and that generally falls on a few too, to bring the organization to a successful opening. I think it would be a good idea if sportsmen who spend time and money at pigeon tournaments would, in place of killing helpless birds, turn their attention to objects far more worthy. The amount of money expended at these tournaments is enormous; and if half the sum was paid to officials to preserve game, and the other half for the promotion of field trials, all would receive some good. Therefore, it is far better for us to give up pigeon shooting, and devote our time and money to breaking and breeding dogs and enforcing the game laws. While it is a kind of doubtful enjoyment at shooting matches, we know that at an assembly of sportsmen and sporting dogs we are certain to receive a lasting benefit, whether our competing dog wins or not. The farmers also, would soon take an interest in our dogs, if they knew we were holding dog shows and trials in their neighborhood. As it now is most of them think dogs are natural sheep-killers, and can hardly find words to express their hatred. Indeed, few of them know what is required of bird-dogs, as they seldom see them working on game; and when they see the gunners and dogs tramping over their farms, they only know that their grain is often destroyed, while it would be balm to their hot tempers if they were aware what intelligent and useful creatures aided us in our sport, and that the harm accidentally committed on their lands, was insignificant when good sport was taken into account. Now, while it is generally admitted that the best method of enforcing game laws is to have the land owners interested, why won't it tend to pacify and make them friendly if we exhibit to them our valuable dogs and teach them how to break and hunt them in the field. Something must be brought about one of these days, that will favor the construction of good dog laws; for worthless curs will give way to nobler dogs, and we cannot have dog laws until we show the people who frame them that we have beautiful animals that are worth the full protection of the law. And I truly believe that field trials are one great medium by which it may be accomplished. CHESNEY

Mr. Sherwood to Mr. Smith.

EDINA, MO., Dec. 10, 1876.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—It is Sunday, the day of all others that I best enjoy reading your beautiful and interesting paper, and but for the spirit of Mr. Smith's reply to myself I could feel just as well as usual after its perusal. That I did not merit such treatment at his hands, I simply refer the readers of his article to mine in *Rod and Gun* of Nov. 25th, in reply to one of his in same paper where he uses this language, "bringing this blue blood vs. native blood down to facts the blue dog has fairly driven the native off the bench." I quote his language from memory and do not change his meaning if I do a word. I simply denied the fact and wanted to prove to him that such was not the case, and that neither could he drive them out of the field; and while he thinks that I should have learned something since the Memphis trial, which was run after the date of my *Rod and Gun* article, written on the 13th of Nov, I wonder if he did not also learn this much that the bench was a softer thing for him and his pets than the field—that John Davidson and W. A. Wheatley made for Pride of the South with their natives Isabella and Countess? Southern beds are generally softer things than benches but in this case these two natives made one to their notion and to this day Isabella sleeps in front, with Countess and Pride disputing the right to the middle or second place. It was Capt Henry's superb breaking that helped the blue dog, and for his pains he richly deserved what he got at least, and I am not the man to begrudge him even more; and to-day I would gladly present him with one or a brace of my pets the whelps from the pointers Sancho and Queen, or my little beauties Fanchon and Kaiser—the red Irish setters, and all I would ask would be that he handle them and run them at Memphis, in 1877. I would rather dispose of them in that way than sell them for a "hundred dollars gold." Only for that word "*gold*" I should have been the owner of a handsome bitch of Mr. Smith's at the Chicago show, but the word "gold" to a Western democrat greenbacker has a sort of a specific power—a kind of a potorro nitros virtue that will not only allay fevers of the inter or remittant type but also that which should be classed as the black white and tan "field trial" or blue *blood* fever.

He says that he accepted a challenge from the Edina kennel I say he is mistaken. *Mr. Waddell* accepted a challenge from him, and well does he know that Pilot was the dog off all others that *he* wanted to run against his *Leicester*. Pilot died, as also did the red pointer Ben. The large class pointer bitch Fan was sent back on account of being in heat, and word sent on from our breaker who had Kitty, the Fan-Rufus pup, that for same reason she could not go, and almost any other man but him would have staid at home, with four of his favorites out of the question. But no! he goes past Momence, Ill., and gets Border, who had been in the hands of a breaker just one month, and with this 15 months pup and the pointer Draco, 12 months old, he in a driving rain does the best he can, and writes home to me (after he had been defeated by that very penalty that was afterwards abolished for flushing, or other dogs might have shared the same fate): "The judges are good men, impartial men, and I know have done the square thing, governed by the rules; but it is as much a lottery as a game of faro. Five points to a dog! Pah. Now, it depends altogether on how and where the bird is." These were his exact words, written me after he was defeated, and they show generous impulses; yet this is the man that you called a "croaker." You ask me why did I not send my best dogs to Memphis, if Cæsar and Nellie were such wonders that they could beat your blue bloods so easily? I never said they could beat your blue dogs, but judging from your reply to Guido's challenge, I thought you a Christian, because you refused to bet, and I, although not over pious, respected your feelings, and asked, or offered to meet you half way for fun. Another reason why I did not send them, Cæsar was sold, as I stated, and in Kentucky, and little Nelly's blood is as blue as yours, being out of the finest English stock imported by the Marshals of Virginia, therefore she could not have proven his theory, that by crossing these blue bloods with our fine field performing natives, we get better dogs than by this system of in, or inter breeding, that would, if not carefully watched, give us a breed of dogs, on account of their diminutiveness, that would have to be belled to know where they were when at work, like the gamey little cocker; and as a final reason for not sending this, or any other dog, you will please remember that he is my partner and not my breaker. His ideal pointers are the large class like old Phil and Fan; mine are Sancho, Cæsar, Jule, Topsy, Queen and Dream—under 50 lbs. His ideal setters are Polly, Betty, Pilot, Fawn and Carrie, Pride and Border; mine are such as Beauty, Nellie, Fanchon and Kaiser. He thinks for himself, I do the same; he acts for himself, so do I; and had he run poor old Phil a straight race against your Leicester I should certainly have sworn to and printed a denial of being a partner in that. The ridiculous idea of a sportsman making a steeple-chaser of his dog, with birds for hurdles, and expecting him to run and jump over, is too preposterous for a sane man to think about; and when I saw it stated that Waddell was going to run old Phil against your stud dog, I of course thought he was not only a speedy but a broken dog, for I know, and hundreds of sportsmen from Maine to Georgia also know, that old Phil—although very fast—will not take the hurdle when it's before him in the shape of a true game bird; and on that "point" I will "back" him every time, for a dog that wont stop before "flushing," is indeed too speedy for me. I repeat what I said in the *Rod and Gun*, that my idea, and I think a true one of a "cur" is one who can neither show good qualities in the field or transmit them to his get; in fact, a handsome dog only—when appled to sporting dogs—is no less a cur than the veriest flea, unless to be used as a hearth rug, and too expensive for that, if besides his original cost, thirty-five dollars has been added thereto for his passage across the pond. Mr. Waddell has theories. I simply have a few ideas; but one thing we agree on is, that the field trial breed of setters are just as handsome and just as good as the handsomest and best of any other breed; and with one of the purest of the black, white and tans of England, and a daughter of your own Leicester for a brace, I expect to shoot Spring snipe, too, if I don't late quail; when if they are half the pleasure to me that I anticipate, I wont do like John Hay,s Little Bruches did when he says:

"I don't go much on religion,
I never ain't had no show;
But I've got a middlin' tight grip, sir,
On the handful o' things I know.

No, indeed, Mr. Smith, I'll loosen my grip and tell it.
Yours truly, JESSE SHERWOOD.

"Faking" and Tricks of the Show-Ring.

In this chapter and on this subject I mean to be very brief, and perhaps the reader will be disappointed that I don't expose the tricks of the fancy to better advantage. But then one must be merciful. I could be down on some of the judges too, if I chose. I have more than one of them, figuratively speaking, under my thumb. Nevertheless, the young reader must not run away with the notion that there is *very* much villainy in the dog show-ring. It is the reverse, and the generality of judges, I am happy to say, judge fairly and honestly, and to the best of their ability, and for many of them I have the greatest respect. But I have before now heard scraps of conversation similar to the following, away up in Lancashire:

"Thoo'll send to Blanktown show, Bill, I'm joodging thar."

"Aye, lad, that I will; and may be A can give thee a toorn next."

But if the secretaries of dog shows, or any other kind of shows, will employ men to judge who are neither gentlemen nor men of honest principle, what can any one expect? On the other hand, it must not be forgotten that the disappointed exhibitor is always the first to turn round and cry out that the judging has been unfair. And no judge in the world can please everybody.

But if we condemn the judges for being sometimes unjust, what shall we say about faking exhibitors? If I had space at command, I could instance some very curious and amusing cases of faking, and tell some queer stories about the genus faker. Some sorts of faking are even considered by some as justifiable, as, for example, the common practice of emery-papering the coat of a bull-terrier or mastiff, when it happens to be rather coarser than orthodox.

White, we all know, is the favorite color for a bull-terrier, but when a dog is led into the ring pipe-clayed to such an extent that he can hardly jump without raising a cloud, I think both the dog and his owner ought to be asked to retire. If an exhibitor doesn't know any better method of producing a nice white coat on his bull-terrier than by treating him as a soldier does his belt, I think he had much better stop at home; or, if the dog is really a good one, and a beauty in other respects, trust to the judge's considering that his other excellent points amply make up for an accidental badness of coat.

It is quite justifiable to crop the ears of black-and-tan terriers and those of bull-terriers. I am much against cruelty to animals of all sorts, nevertheless, I cannot help thinking that dubbing game-cocks, and cutting the ears of fighting dogs, may be justified on the plea that the animals really and truly "thole a pain for a profit," as they say in Scotland. However, if you are going to have your terrier's ears cropped, see, at all events, that it is done at the proper age, and done by a man who knows his business properly, and not by a bungler.

Threading a dog's ears, to make them acquire the "cock" orthodox, is not considered justifiable faking, and can generally be easily detected by any judge whose eyes have not been previously parboiled.

It is considered justifiable to crop the tails of fox-terriers and spaniels; but this should be done in as humane a manner as possible. Avast that horrible custom of biting off the end of the tail. But if you cut it off with a sharp knife it will bleed a great deal, and requires the application of a red-hot wire. The joints ought to be removed by means of a small chain-cutting instrument, which surgeons call the *ecraseur*. There is no earthly occasion for pulling out the nerve, or "worm," as it is called. It is an abominably cruel and silly practice.

In the ring it is neither right nor justifiable to use any means to attract the eye of the judge. Show your dogs honorably. Bring him well up, of course, and try to make him show himself to the best advantage, and when you have done that you have done all that is fair and honest.

I'll tell you a little yarn *apropos* of this. There was a certain exhibitor, well known in the fancy for his good Newfoundlands and generally excellent Skyes. Well, this exhibitor possessed a little Skye terrier, who was a very nice little doggie indeed, in coat, and color, and shape, and all. *All*, did I say? Nay, for the doggie had a *squirrel* tail. It was terribly naughty of the doggie to have a tail like that; and the only way his master could get him to carry his tail down like a decent Skye was by bullying the poor little fellow, and cowing him on the sly when in the show ring. But the judge bowled the exhibitor out beautifully one fine morning. He saw through the exhibitor's little game, and asked to be allowed to hold the dog for a moment. The owner, though very unwilling, was obliged to comply.

"Poor little fellow!" said the judge, patting the Skye on the head.

Up went the doggie's tail in an instant.

"That's enough," said the judge; "you may lead him out."

Dyeing, to hide white spots where white spots should not be, is a practice often resorted to. So is painting and shaving. Black-and-tan terriers are sometimes shamefully—or, rather, shamelessly—faked.

Well, then, I shall not say any more on the subject; although, mind you, I have seen the spots on a Dalmatian's tail very artistically put on with nitrate of silver. And I know of a case where a very beautiful top-knot was glued on the cranium of an Irish water-spaniel, who was naturally deficient in that much desired point of beauty,

"With mair o' fearful and awful,
That e'en to name would be unlawful."

And if any of my readers mean to adopt the profession of general faker, he will find all of the following articles handy: A case of razors; a stick of nitrate of silver; a box of paints; a few bottles of dye; a pair of scissors; needles and thread; a pot of glue; an oily tongue; and a face of brass.—[Advance sheets of a Practical Kennel Guide, to be published by Messrs. Cassell, Petter & Galpin, published in *Live Stock Journal* and *Fanciers's Gazette*.]

Jarvis' Dick.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 6, 1876.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—Ever since I first saw old Dick I have highly esteemed his many good qualities and his fine appearance—perfect in form, staunch as a rock, of the finest coat and color, remarkable powers of scent, matchless courage, and of almost human intelligence.

Unfortunately his pedigree has been but obscurely traced, yet with sufficient accuracy to show that both his sire and dam were imported "reds" of superior stock. Concerning Dick's value as a sire, I would state that, heretofore, setter bitches of various strains, and of quality sometimes none too desirable, have been bred to him; and from my own personal knowledge, and from information gleaned from other reliable sources, I can trace many excellent field performers to Dick as their sire. I have owned several and have shot over others besides, and have yet to hear of a worthless pup got by old Dick.

Waddell's Pilot was sired by Dick, and Pilot was a good one and got good stock. Having an imported thoroughbred red Irish bitch—Eileen, own sister to Jarvis' Kathleen—I desired to have a test made of the question of Dick's purity by breeding to him, no simon pure red having ever been presented to him previously. Eileen whelped, on the 26th ultimo, six gyps and three dogs, the entire litter of nine being all pure red with the merest trifles of white on the forehead and breast of three or four (Dick's own marking). I have yet to see a litter so nearly all red; one of the bitches has not a white hair on her. I consider this a pretty fair test; and my conclusions are that old Dick's Irish blood is of the bluest sort; his looks show it, and his stock proves it.

Lest my motive in writing be misconstrued, I would state that I have no pecuniary interest whatever in Dick, *nor have I any pups for sale*; I merely wish to assist in giving to the grand old dog a place which I have long considered rightfully his, a high position amongst blue bloods.

Perhaps it may be considered unnecessary to bring this notice of Dick before the readers of the CHICAGO FIELD, as his stud qualities, prize winnings etc., have already gained for him a name to be envied by any owner or admirer of a good dog. We do not, as a rule, care much to trace our dogs pedigrees further back than to some famous dog, as for instance, to Hutchinson's Bob, Rodman's Dash, Adams' Rock, etc., etc. Yet it may be well to learn all we can concerning the purity and breeding of even our notables, as well as to observe the quality of their progeny. RED HUGH.

FORT SCOTT KENNEL NOTES.—Fort Scott, Dec. 9, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Mr. Charles Osbun, disposed of two of his Laud-Rose pups, one to Dr. G. R. Baldwin and one to John G. Stewart, Esq. Mr. W. B. Shockley's Flora has dropped eight pups to DeWolf's imported red Irish setter Shot. Mr. James Ball will exhibit his English setter Jack; Mr. John Lucas his setter Dan, and Mr. Shockley his pointer Staunch at the Kansas City Poultry and Pet Association exhibition held in said city Dec. 19, 20, 21 and 22. Mr. Shockley and Mr. Al Osbun will each exhibit a pair of game chickens. UNCLE ZOO ED.

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS.

The regular meeting of the Board of Appeals of the National Trotting Association was convened at the Osburn House on Tuesday, December 5. The following members of the Board were present: Hon. C. W. Hutchinson, of Utica; Burdett Loomis, of Hartford, Conn; Edwin Thorne, af Millbrook, N. Y.; Gates H. Barnard, of Troy; George Sturgis, of Philadelphia; C. J. Hamlin, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Wm. Parks, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Wm. Edwards, of Cleveland, O.; R. W. Gates, of Aurora, Ill.; and Thomas J. Vail, of Hartford, Conn. Mr. Woolley, the president, being absent, Mr. Hutchinson presided over the deliberations. The first business brought before the Board, were applications by owners of horses against several Driving Park Associations located in Michigan and Indiana which were members of the National Association praying that their renewal as members for the coming year be forbidden until the premiums were paid. Their applications were granted. W. H. Saunders, of Clyde, N. Y., who was expelled from the Association for a transgression of the rules, was heard, and the Board ordered that he be temporarily reinstated for one year.

An appeal from the decision of the Starting Judge at the Waukegan (Ill.) meeting, last Summer, was also heard. The appeal was brought by the Lake County Agricultural and Horse Grower's Association of that place. It was claimed that the Starting Judge did not give the word until the bodies of the horses had passed under the wire, the owner of the winning horse claiming that his time should be repaired, having probably in mind the *Amy B. case as a precedent.* The Board ruled, however, that the Association had no authority to change the time officially announced. This decision will prompt the Buffalo Association up to the actual meaning of the rules, and check usurpation by individual associations. The relations existing next between the Rochester Driving Park and the Western New York Fair were next investigated, and Mr. E. Bloss Parsons was called and questioned thereto. The fact was developed that it was reserved in the contract of the Driving Park with the Fair Association, that the trotting should be under the rules of the National Association. A *star chamber* session was then held, Mr. Vail previously inviting the reporters present to leave. As decisions were subsequently announced in the Mace, Van Ness and Rood, and Albemarle cases the supposition is that their weighty importance engrossed the attention of the Board. The decisions were that Messrs. Mace, Van Ness and Rood be temporarily re-instated until the first Tuesday of December, 1877, the date of the meeting of the General Board. This is an equivalent to a defeat for the Buffalo Association, and an open acknowledgement by the Board of Buffalo's assumption of judicial jurisdiction in imposing their penalties, when they had none whatever, either by the letter or by the spirit of the rules. The illustrious trio may now consider themselves on a probationary bench between expulsion and suspension. In the Albemarle expulsion case it was ordered that the expulsion be modified to a fine of $500, upon the payment of which he should be reinstated. If favoritism has not been engendered by a change of owners we would be glad to learn on what precedent this decision was founded. We shall speak at length on the merits and de-merits of this decision in another issue. In the case of the Sacramento California Jockey Club, who applied for a record and notice of expulsion ordered by them to be imposed upon certain parties, for alleged fraudulent acts in connection with a pacing race, which took place on a park occupied by hem, but on a day when they found that the park was not under their control, and was being run by one A. A. Wood as a lessee, the board held that neither the club nor the board had jurisdiction over the matters presented, because they were involved in the administration of Mr. Wood, who was not a member of the National Association.

The application of the Summit County Agricultural Society of Akron, Ohio was also acted upon. This association, through its judges, ordered the expulsion of the gelding "Sleepy John," owned by Mr. John Todd, of Ohio, because his driver withdrew him from a race without the consent of the judges; on learning which, Mr. Todd discharged the driver with a repremand, and requested the society to relieve his horse from the expulsion, since the error was committed against his knowledge and without his consent. The society desiring to punish the driver and excuse the horse, thereupon made application to the board for permission to reinstate the horse. The request was granted.

The matter of the Detroit Horse Fair Association vs. the Columbus (Ohio) Driving Park Association next received attention. In this case one Murphy deposited with the Secretary of the Columbus Association money due the Detroit Association for two entrance fees, for non-payment of which Murphy had been expelled. Upon making this deposit Murphy's horses were allowed to start in Columbus, but after the race, in a settlement between Murphy and the secretary of the Columbus Association, a controversy arose, in which the secretary claimed to have overpaid Murphy $100, and to recover which he assumed the right to deduct from the money deposited with him for the Detroit Association, on the ground that he had been made the agent of Murphy in the transaction. The claims of the Secretary of the Columbus Association were disallowed by the Board, and that association was orded to pay to the Treasurer of the National Association forthwith the full amount which had been deposited with its Secretary; the National Association to account for it to the Detroit Association. The application of William Morris, of Utica, for the removal of the expulsion of himself and the black gelding Tom Molloy, by the Fleetwood Park Association was granted.

The application of the Virginia Illinois Driving Park Association to remove the expulsion of the dun gelding G. T. Pilot, was granted. The removal of the penalty of expulsion in those cases in one day speaks volumes. We may now safely look for the proclamation of a general amnesty. The complaint of Charles M. Wyvill of Scottsville, New York, against the Western New York Agricultural Mechanical and Driving Park Association, in which he claimed that at their races Sept. 18, 1876, Hiram Dufindorf entered a bay gelding under the name of Billy, and that his previous record differing from that which was represented in the record made the entry ineligible. Wyvill claimed that he entered a protest at the time and that the judges did not properly administer the rules; that he suffered injury thereby and claimed of the Board an order protecting him in his rights. The Board found that the Rochester Driving Park Association, and the Western New York Agricultural, Mechanical and Driving Park Association were two separate bodies, and that as the latter did not belong to the National Association the Board had no jurisdiction in the case. The complaint of Gen. W. S. Tilton, of Tagus, Me., against the judges of a race at the Presumpscott Park, in Portland, Me., was heard. Gen. Tilton's horse came in second in a race in which the foremost horse was set back for running, the heat being declared a dead heat between the horses mentioned. The time of the foremost horse was the only time taken, and it was the affixing of this record to his horse from which General Tilton appealed. The rules required that the time of the second horse should have been taken, but this was not done. The Board decided that the time announced was not properly the record of General Tilton's horse, and it was therefore ordered set aside. The Presumpscott Park Association was also required to show cause why it should not be subjected to a penalty for failure to properly observe the rules in the matter of timing the two leading horses.

W. H. Doble made an *ex-parte* application for a ruling of the Board as to his rights to compete in a race of heats, in which he entered a horse he had hired from its owner, rendering him a written contract, conveying to him the exclusive use of the horse for the season, in which race the owner of the horse had another animal entered. The Board held that they could not start these horses under such circumstances, as they were prohibited by Rule 8. The original intent of the law is to prevent fraud, and has been flagrantly violated. We believe, however, that Mr. Doble acted in good faith, and the mare was to all intents and purposes his property. The decision, if according to the rule, was not in accordance with equity. It will behoove those hiring the racing qualities of horses to take this law into consideration

The details of the finances and workings of the National Association received the examination of the Board, and the administration of next season's affairs brought the meeting to a close.

THE MONTREAL VETERINARY COLLEGE.—The inculcation of veterinary knowledge is an occult science in this country. Nowhere throughout the length and breadth of our vast territory have we any satisfactory institution for the dissemination of knowledge concerning the ailments and physical structure of our domestic animals. What skilled veterinarians that are practicing in the States are immigrants from abroad who, seeing the nakedness of the land, have come upon us to manifest their superiority over the horde of quacks "within our walls," and, by building up a reputation, to gather in a rich harvest of greenbacks. Within late years the increase of valuable stock—not only of horses, but of cattle, sheep, pigs and dogs has been so great that we have been compelled to protect the interests of our purses by employing veterinary help to cure our valuable sick animals. In many instances we have struck a broken reed, and, by placing the life of a valuable animal at its mercy have suffered a double loss, losing the animal and paying out money for having it destroyed.

Our Government, national, or otherwise, has shown no regard for the promotion of knowledge in this direction and our private citizens show that apathy with regard to it that they display in even more fatal instances. But our apathy is not emulated by our neighbors. In the older countries veterinary pathology is earnestly and successfully pursued with great results; and nearer home, Canada has shown a vigor and steadfastness of purpose in procuring skilled practitioners in this branch of medical and surgical science.

The Montreal veterinary college is the leading institution of its kind in America, and its graduates are all men of sound theoretical knowledge with the ability to skillfully put their knowledge into practice. It has had some little difficulties to contend with in the past, chief of which has been the inability to suit the courses to students from the States. Owing, however, to governmental support and an increase in the staff of instructors, the faculty of the college have determined to re-adjust the classes to some extent.

For the benefit of the Gallic provincials, a course in French will be given similar to that in English; and for the benefit of students who cannot well attend in October, an English course of lectures will be inaugurated on January tenth. Those of our readers who live in a district in which there is valuable stock, or are desirous of entering a profession promising the richest rewards to industry and skilled perseverance, can hardly do better in these days than to study veterinary pathology; the field is vast and the number of skilled laborers few, and the merits of those few are being day by day more appreciated. The days of veterinary quackery are numbered, for the demand is undoubtedly for something more than a haphazard treatment of property, the value of which may be, in certain instances, reckoned by the tens of thousands of dollars.

To those who may aspire to study at the Montreal college, yet think the distance too far we say that three students from Illinois are among the most earnest of those at present studying there. We are glad to know this, for we feel that shortly the small band of skilled practioners will be augmented and that our dumb friends will have additional hope of salvation.

LOCAL NOTES.—The members of the Audubon Club meet at their club room, McCormick's block, every Monday and Thursday evenings, for social recreation....On Thursday last a small shoot took place at Dexter Park. Three sweepstakes were shot at snow birds, which were won by Henry Kleinman, Tom Stagg and Cadman, respectively. A pigeon sweepstakes which followed was won by E. T. Martin.... The proposed shooting tournament at St. Louis has been given up until warmer weather....A match is being arranged between ten men residing on the Calumet, and ten members of the Chicago club. The Calumet men who will participate are Abe and Henry Kleinman, Joe Reeves, Florenz Benner, A. M. Decker, M. Huster, Lewis Heisler, George Kleinman, Tim Harding, and T. Doyle, a strong team. It is not known who the Chicago ten will be, but Fred Taylor, T. W. Wilmarth, and Chas. Willard, are among those mentioned. The match is expected to take place at Decker's during holiday week....For some time the Superiority badge of the old Kennicott club has been held by Mr. Abner Price, unchallenged and undisturbed; but at last Mr. Price has been called upon to defend it, John Kleinman being the challenger....Two full days shooting are announced on December 25th and 26th, at Dexter Park. On the 25th, at 12 M., the Miles Johnson badge will be shot for at five pair of birds, and the remainder of both days will be devoted to sweepstakes. Quite a number of outside sportsmen are expected...Messrs. A. M. Decker and George Kleinman killed 24 quails, 2 ruffed grouse and 10 rabbits, on the 6th....Snow birds are being trapped in considerable numbers on the prairies West and South of the city.....Bruce Wilcox is off on a shooting excursion in Michigan.

YOUTH VS. AGE.—A favorite theme for a couple of our Eastern cotemporaries has been "the young editor" of this journal. To the remarks of the most obscure of these in its issue of last week, we quote the language of the great commoner, Pitt, in the English Parliament, in reply to reflections on him by Walpole; said he, "Sir, the atrocious crime of being a young man, which the honorable gentleman has, with such spirit and decency charged upon me, I shall neither attempt to paliate nor deny; but content myself with wishing that I may be one of those whose follies cease with their youth; and not of that number who are ignorant in spite of experience."

"Whether youth can be imputed to any man as a reproach, I will not, sir, assume the province of determining; but surely, age may become justly contemptible, if the opportunities which it brings have passed away without improvement."

As to the bogus circulation of the CHICAGO FIELD, it is a pretty good joke, coming from a journal whose chief circulation is known to be bogus. We are willing to to put the genuine circulation of the CHICAGO FIELD against that of this obscure journal, feeling satisfied it will out-number it, as Florence, as the Hon. Bardwell Slote in the Mighty Dollar, says "by a large majority."

BETS OFF.—Mr John Morrissey informs the New York *Herald* "that in view of the present unforseen complication with reference to the presidential election, growing out of the fact that both parties claim the result to be in their favor, and the strong probability that exists, in his judgment, that the decision will be arrived at only in the remote future, and even when it does come will be far less satisfactory than the adjustment he has decided upon, therefore he declares all bets on the general result off in all cases where he is stakeholder."

As might be supposed, this decision of Mr. Morrissey is not meeting with very general satisfaction from those who have bet on the result, and the consequence is that the *Herald* is flooded with communications from the backers of Hayes and Tilden, each one of whom considers himself defrauded, as he is sure his candidate is elected.

JUBILEE LAMBERT AND PHIL SHERIDAN.—Mr. Theodore Marsden, Malden, Mass, the animal artist has long since reached the front rank in his profession, another evidence of which we have in the examination of two beautiful likenesses of the celebrated trotting sires Jubilee Lambert and Phil. Sheridan, which he has sent us. These prints are beautifully finished and their coloring as regards exactness, to say the least, is perfection. They are an adornment to the walls of our editorial rooms.

ADVERTISING IN THE CHICAGO FIELD PAYS—Edina, Mo., Dec. 5, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:* You will please discontinue my advertisement for sale of dog. I have received letters in regard to same from almost every State in the Union. Through your columns I could have sold a great many dogs, for I found everybody wanted a good dog. Wishing your paper the success it so well merits, I am yours respectfully, C. E. CHASE.

COOL.—The *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News* (England) copies our description of the dachshund without going us credit for it. Well, we have got pretty well accustomed to see the columns of our exchanges, both English and American, enriched with matter original from our columns without the proper acknowledgment.

OUR NEW YORK AGENT.—Mr. John Young, room 19, No. 37 Park Row, New York, is the authorized agent of the CHICAGO FIELD. Contracts for advertising will be made by him, and subscriptions received at our regular rates.

PRICES REDUCED.—By reference to the advertisement of Mr. Charles M. Williams, St. Louis, agent for the Greener guns, it will be seen that he has received directions from Mr. Greener to reduce the price of his guns.

Amusements.

MCVICKER'S THEATRE.—The Florences have been making a hit in the "Mighty Dollar." Next week the Kellogg opera troupe come back to this theatre, having been persuaded to return by their previous successful stay.

HAVERLY'S THEATRE.—"Gaily the Troubadour twangs his guitar" at this pleasant place of resort, rendered doubly pleasant by that excellent company, even stronger and more appreciable than last year. Mr. Salsbury deserves well of his country. Miss Neilson will expound Shakespeare, commencing on Dec. 18th, for one week only. The Troubadours gave a bumping benefit in behalf of the bereaved relatives of Harry Murdoch and Claude Buroughs, left destitute by the awful death of their bread winners in the Brooklyn holocaust.

WOOD'S MUSEUM is running the "Colleen Bawn" with very fair success. This house always is doing a fair business, and its attractions invariably command attention.

THE ADELPHI is in full blast; the variety is charming and the collection of stars immense. The holiday business has been well looked to.

THE COLISEUM still remains strong in the gymnastic art, backed by a goodly array of popular artists in their lines.

Game and Shooting.

Sportsmen's Association Fixtures for 1877.

Missouri State Sportsmens' Association—Sedalia, January —.

Some Celebrities in the Hunting Field.

Enthusiastic old gentlemen, who commenced their sporting experience early in the present century, love to recall the famous whips and huntsmen who made glorious the hunting-fields of their youth. Round the social fire, when the cloth is withdrawn and bottles go merrily about in good old country halls and mansions, we still hear the names of old-world celebrities whose doings and abilities form the topics of converstion amongst those who, like Lord William Lennox, delight in their sporting reminiscences. To see their time-honored faces light up in the warmth of laudation or discussion when these topics are approached, is to learn conjuring secrets. The old fires of their youth, by the mere mention of such names, are revived in all their pristine brilliancy and heat, eyes flash, energetic action lends force to words glowing with ardent feeling, and old scenes and actions are realised and described with a vividness of imagination which is almost boyish in its intensity.

What stories have we heard on such occasions of bold Will Goodall's famous career as the Belvoir huntsman, a post he succeeded to in 1842. "Druid," who spent two long December evenings with Will, at Belvoir, to look over his diary and have a little chat about these stories, tells how he went heart and soul into them, and gave what he called "the cream of my hunting fun" with a relish and heartiness of enjoyment unmistakably real, telling how he "*screamed* over the fallows," or "*raced* into him and *eat him*," or enjoyed "a *blasing* hour," or "*blew him up* in the open," with an energy and enthusiasm thoroughly characteristic of the man. A cold caught through a fall in the hunting-field brought him to his end, and he died, as "Druid" says, "on the third anniversary of that very May Day on which the Hunt had presented him with its memorable tribute, and the Grantham Inn had rung again with the chorus of 'Bill Goodall is the boy.' They took his horn to his bedside some days before he died, and he showed them exactly how he fell, and, half sitting up, took it with all the animation of health, as if it revived him to lay hold of it again. He had only once risen from his bed during his ten days' illness, and that was to show Lord Henry Bentinck his young Rallywoods of the third generation in the new entry. As if with a sort of melancholy prescience that it was not to be, he often said how he 'should love to see them at two years old;" but they only swelled that strange, mournful requiem for him which arose from the kennel, and fairly thrilled through the mourners, as the hearse moved away. He lies not many paces from Tom Goosey, just within the churchyard gate at Knipton, and under the shade of that bold chain of woodlands in which his cheery voice had been heard, early and late, for seventeen seasons. By all, from 'my kind Lord Duke,' as he called him, when his grace bent over him to bid him farewell, down to the humblest laborer, for whom he had always some pleasant greeting or other, his memory will ever be cherished. Amongst his brother-huntsmen, he had long-lived down all jealousy, and they freely accorded to him that high position which he had so fairly won both in the field and the kennel, and which he so unassumingly maintained. Those who knew more of his inner life, or saw him on his deathbed, could trace to its true source that consistently gentle firmness which made him all-powerful in managing a cloud of horsemen, and it would be well if many who love sport as dearly as he did, would ponder, now that he is gone, over the great and striking lesson which his life taught, and which his fame sealed."

Another of the sporting heroes whose daring and skillful exploits "Druid" has spoken of so well, was hearty old Dick Christian of the Quorn. Dick has told his own story; how he was born in Cottesmore "when Sir Horace Mann kept his harriers there." How he cared not for school but "all for horses," and always deserted his lessons in "the three R's" for the sake of lessons from Stevenson, the head groom at Sir Horace Mann's riding-school. "He was the beginning of me, was Stevenson. He was a nice man." old Dick would say, as he stood in his sturdy five foot six of height, and by his comfortable fireside, told how horses were managed and fields were won in the heydey of his life, when "his muscular breadth of chest and vigor of arm enabled him to lift a horse's fore-quarters as high, if not higher, over a fence, than any man who ever rode to hounds." When he was seven years old little Dick used to be seen on his bare-backed pony "jumping everything right and left just like other people," a fact which, when the old man of our sketch on another page, he would dwell upon chucklingly, with "My word! I could set a good many of them even *then*." A year and a half before he left Cottesmore when there was a holiday making—but we'll let Dick tell his own tale:—

"I'll tell you a story about a bull—a regular good-'un. Ecod how it makes me laugh! I wish I was twenty years younger. There was a holiday-making and this ere bull was in a field. Some one said 'You daren't ride him, Dick,' so up I gets—off he goes, right away to Cottesmore and all the fair after me! You know the brook there? Well, he was so beat that he downs his head when he gets to it, and slethers me right off. Flat on my back I comes—on him again, and, blame me, if I didn't ride him whiles he was so blown he could run no longer! It's truth every word."

Dick was not thirteen years old when he joined the staff at Sir Horace Mann's racing stables at Barham Downs, in Kent, where he soon after rode his first race. At Burleigh Park he rode twenty races in one week. "What a week it was to be sure," said he, "cricketing, horse-racing, pony-racing, hacks, catch weights, all sorts of fun. . . . What a deal they made of me! They carried me into a tent, and gave me three glasses of wine and a fine mounted whip. They had a deal more fun than that with me. When I had beat Lord Milsington, the late Lord Winchilsea made a match with Captain Bligh, for me to ride a donkey and he to run a-foot half a mile. Such fun you never saw in your life! But my word I beat him at last, and they gave me my first gold guinea. My lady quite laughed. 'That little thing for a riding groom,' she said, 'he can't sit on a horse.' 'Try him, my lady,' said Stevenson (you see he always spoke up for me), 'give him one saddled and one to lead.' Up I gets with the two, and off across the park, and galloped them till Sir Gilbert helloas me to stop. Didn't I take it out of them! 'He'll do,' they said, 'he can hold anything.' So they gave me six guineas a year and all my clothes—lots of them, and half-a-guinea board wages when the family was out. I always rode out with my lady in a blue coat and striped waistcoat. The first race Sir Gilbert ever had a horse in I rode, at Lincoln; and I won it too."

Thus was little Dick Christian fairly started in the course he was destined to honor. We should like to trace his progress upwards, but space is wanting. It were long to tell of the famous horses he trained or rode, of the daring leaps he made, the steeplechases he won, and all the other many exploits which are still fireside stories in and about the locality they belong to. Here is an old newspaper extract relating to one of them:

DANGEROUS HUNTING EXPLOIT.—The following extraordinary feat was last week inadvertently performed by the celebrated rider and tough veteran, Dick Christian, of Melton Mowbray. He was mounted on Mr. Cooke's chestnut mare Marigold, and out with the Quorn hounds, near Holwell Mouth, when he charged a thick cut hedge, four feet six inches high, which he cleared in good style, the mare alighting on a bank a yard wide, with all her four feet together. Immediately below this bank is a steep declivity into an old quarry or stone-pit, called Sot's hole, about twelve yards deep; the failure of the bank where friend Dick had thus suddenly deposited his whole capital must have proved fatal; but, luckily, it stood firm, and the generous animal on which he rode bounded boldly forward, reaching the bottom in three springe, much to the amazement of the old stager and several others who witnessed the performance. Dick found himself well fixed on his saddle when the gallant mare reaced *terra firma*, and both steed and rider were perfectly unscathed.

This "true old English fox-hunter," as Pierce Eagan calls him in his "Book of Sports," published in 1829, when Dick was 60 years of age, used to speak of this tremendous feat thus:—"You see Mr. Coke, what howdacious men to ride he and Sir James Musgrave were to be sure! He told me I must always be with the hounds; so this Marigold I sent her at a hedge, when I was in the air I sees my danger. Frightened? God bless you! I never was frightened in my life. So I pulls her right back just as she touched the bank, and shot her hind legs right under; we made three landings of it; it was as steep as a house side, but you've read all about it." "Talk of tumbles!" said Dick, on another occasion, "I had eleven in one day down there, when I was about seventy. I'll never see seventy-eight again, but I can take a good allowance of them still. . . . . I've had lots of accidents. I've had my shoulder out, this here leg broke, and two of my ribs; I never broke my collar-bone, I'm so precious thick set there, they can't get at it. Horses, bless you! I've known 'em get out of a ditch, and put their fore feet on each of my shoulders. . . . . I must be as hard as nails."

If you wish to know more of Dick, you have but to consult such well-known books as the "Post and the Paddock," or "Silk and Scarlet," by "The Druid."

T. H. WALSH, ESQ., (Stonehenge,)

EDITOR OF "THE LONDON FIELD" AND AUTHOR OF "THE DOGS OF THE BRITISH ISLANDS."

Tom Seabright was another of our celebrities of the hunting-field, who succeedded John Clark in 1821, and both in field and kennel was famous, of whom many a Melton tradition yet deals. His name sends us back to the days of 'Squire Osbaldeston, who, in 1809, carried his horn as Master in the Burton country, of whom "Nimrod" says "he never made but one fatal mistake, and that was in not keeping Seabright as his huntsman." It was said on all hands that with "the 'Squire" to breed the hounds, and Tom to hunt them, perfection was attained.

Tom Rance was second horseman to Mr. Gurney in Norfolk, and in 1859 was on the threshold of his thirtieth season as a whip. There is a quaint old remnant of a song still known in Lancashire and Cheshire, which runs:—

Tom Rance has got a single oie, wurth many another's two;
He held his cap abuv his yed, to show he had a view.
Tom's voice was loik th' owd Raven's when he skroiked out "Tally-ho!"
For when the fox had seen Tom's feace, he thought it toim to go-o-o.

Robert Bartlett, huntsman to the North Staffordshire hounds, also has a place amongst our old but unforgotten celebrities of the field. Joe Maiden figures in several of "Druid's" hunting sketches, as well as in some of "Nimrod's," and in other pages of old-world sporting record. "Druid," in one of his famous papers, says, "having once seen Joe Maiden judge hounds, with his hands folded across his breast, we shall cease to have any faith in the saying, 'that no man was ever so wise as Chancellor Thurlow looked.' Even if Joe heard the voice of a relative behind him, whom he had not seen for five years, it is even betting that he would not deign to turn round till his kennel mind was quite made up."

The last of our sketches of hunting celebrities belongs to the old days when King George III. was a master of hounds. "Nimrod" tells some stories of famous runs with His Majesty's stag-hounds, when Charles Davis was huntsman, of whom Lord William Lennox, in his "Merrie England" (published in 1857), speaks so highly, as he does also of the first whipper-in, Mr. Robert Bartlett. R. A. SEYMOUR.—in *Sporting and Dramatic News*.

TEXAS NOTES.—Marshal, Texas, Dec. 6, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—A few evenings since a friend of mine killed fifty-seven mallards in an hour and a half in a Red river cypress brake.

VENATOR.

Written for the CHICAGO FIELD.]

Reminiscence of a Deer Drive in the Hoosier State.

BY JOHN J. BROMPTON.

"A merry band are we
Who sound the cheering horn!
Come from the bush and brake,
And hail the bushing morn!"
Old Song.

Of all dogs, the swift, the savage, the sagacious, the sharp-scented, the king of them all is the hound. His musical voice, whether echoed from the mountain steep to mountain craig, or quavering up from the deep tangled dell, or winding among the stately giants of the forest wilds, or floating on the breeze of the morn, or sweeping around the mountain's base, or billowing over the grassy sea across the woodland lake, or down the forest stream,—whether heard in the impenetrable dark of mid-night gloom, or in the golden splendor of mid-day sun—thrills my heart as no bugle call, soft-toned flute, or violinic stream—whether dulcet, plaintive or gay—ever does or can.

Then give me the voice of the hound, whose cry is musical and true, and I can shake from my shoulders the weight of dull care, smooth from my brow the furrows of time and efface the history written by pain; add range to my vision and sharpness to my sight, a glow of health to my cheeks and nerve to my arm. Give me the loud-mouthed hound and you give back the vigor and growth which a score of years has robbed me of. Give me the rifle, the horse and the hound, and I'll fling you routine and its cares—aye, and its gains—for, methinks, I'd have the better of the exchange.

Give me the cry of the trumpet-tongued hound, because it speaks to me of truth and fidelity. Give me the rifle, the horse and the hound, and you will give me a draught from Lethe's stream that shall drown my sorrows yet water my joys. Give me but these and you will give me a bowl filled to the brim from the fountain of youth which shall make me forget that I'm growing old, forget my failing sight and tremulous hand, the spot on my head that relentless time is plucking bald, and all other painful reminders of "The Flood of Years."

Give me the rifle, the horse, and a score of hounds and around me shall rise those airy structures—the castles seen in boyhood dreams, ere Tom Gradgrind's touch had lain them waste.

Give me the rifle, the horse, and a pack of hounds and my heart, as in my youthful days, shall beat in unison with the fire of manhood's prime and my streaming hair, like the Crusader's banner in days of old, shall flaunt the breeze as I follow in their wake.

Am I going to tell you about the drive?

Well, yes. Let me see; where was I? yes, yes; galloping after the hounds.

It was more than twenty-five years ago, in the Autumn of '50, I think, we made a drive in the Crane Pond woods—the last made in the county. The place of rendezvous is about equi-distant from Winchester, Bloomingsport and Huntsville in Randolph county, Ind.

The drive was under the management of Isaiah Rodgers, who planned it, assisted by Tom. Richie, who managed the dogs, and Pete Broceau who placed the green one on the crossings.

I had not been cognizant previous to that memorable October morn, that my bosom harbored the spirit of a Nimrod. While Broceau was stationing us "green ones" on the outskirts of remote probability, so far as a chance for a shot was concerned, I thought that whether or not I got a shot, I cared not a fig. But, when the hounds gave tongue! and their nails reached "the ragged edge" of the wood where I was stationed!! where the swelling volume of the united voices broke the silence of that bright October morn!!! the Nimrodic spirit within me revealed itself by a joyful shout. Presently, deceived by the shifting wind, I formed the opinion that the deer was coming to my stand! Oh, *genius loci!* how I trembled! how my heart beat! how the hot blood surged along artery and vein! A glamour was on my eyes. The sunlight changed to a yellowish, filmy gauze. The objects around me lost their identity, and blended in a hetrogeneous mass.

I found on trial I could not hold my rifle steady; the muzzle displayed a strong *penchant* for making O's. I placed it against a tree; in despite of all efforts it glided up and down.

"If a deer comes by don't forget to look through the notch in your rear sight!" was the last charge of Pete Broceau. I remembered his injunction, but, alas! to what end? I could not see the notch because of the glamour on my eyes, while nearer and nearer came the cries of the loud mouthed hounds. How their voices, like the sound of many waters, or the blast of a hundred bugles, awoke the echoes! I could imagine myself floating on a river of sound.

Since that exciting day I have been an admirer of the hound, his trumpet voice, his mysterious and unerring scent, and often go out of my trail to pay my respects to him, to pat him affectionately on the head, and assure him of my very high consideration and abiding confidence.

Fortunately for me, as I thought then, and as I know now, they changed their course; if they had been coming towards me, and passed within twenty paces of Mr. Carr—a green one—who was armed with a double shot-gun, which was heavily charged with balls. Mr. Carr was in plain view of Mr. Rodgers when the deer—a doe and fawn—passed. They passed on the north of Mr. Carr. When they came in sight, which for illustration we will suppose was northwest from Mr. Carr's stand, he brought his piece to an aim, followed the deer with his eye, while his gun remained stationary at his shoulder, and, when they were at a point about northeast of him he fired—fired into illimitable space! They doubled and repassed him, still within 20 paces. Mr. Carr, with his gun still steadfastly pointing northwest, fired once more into illimitable space.

The next opportunity was presented to cross-eyed Joe Price, another "green one," who seemed to be demented at the sight before him. He stood with his piece at a charge, the hammer down, and stared at them with an air of unfathomable stupidity, while "with rainbow bounds immense," they sped beyond "the usual line that girt him round."

Mr. Rodgers had been an eye-witness to the whole scene, Carr's performance as well as cross-eyed Joe's. When he asked the latter why he did not shoot, he answered "*to save me I couldn't cock the thing!*" which, judging from my own insane agitation was probably true, although the gunlock was in excellent condition.

It was plain that Carr and cross-eyed Joe, in accordance with immemorial custom, were entitled to a ride on the downy fence rail; but the execution of this time-honored penalty was deferred until evening, when it should add to the *eclat* of the closing scene.

But at the evening roll-call there was no response when their names were called. Urgent business, suddenly recollected, called them away from the ripened honors which willing hands were ready to bestow.

Spring Shooting.

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 8, 1876.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—But a few days more and the close season on game commences. The sportsman will then put away his gun and take pleasure in talking over the sport he has had the past season, and the large bags he has brought in from such and such a point, (of course omitting to say anything about the bad days when, to use the phrase prevalent in some localities, if he din not "lose his gun" he came near it). Taking it altogether I think we have had a splendid Fall for sport. Once in a while I see some correspondent refers to the subject of Spring shooting who thinks it should be abolished; I agree with them most decidedly. I do not want any sportsman to think that because I desire it done away with that I am afraid to go out in bad weather, or have a dislike to the long tramps which are the usual accompaniments of Spring shooting, for I think that I am about as enthusiastic a sportsman as can be found; I know that my wife says that she is only second in my estimation, my gun being first. But I see how this Spring shooting is driving the game, especially the ducks, away from us. Taking this Fall as an example, I think nearly, if not all, who have been out shooting ducks will say they had better sport than for several years; I know I did by long odds. One of the reasons I give for this is that last Spring the water was very high on the marshes, consequently the ducks had more room to scatter and could get where the hunter could not molest them much; the result was they were not driven away, and instead of going North as usual, more stayed here and raised their broods than for years before. This is the report I hear from all points in the northern part of the State, and particularly at Calumet, and I claim that if Spring shooting could be prevented it would not be long before we would have as good Fall shooting as we had ten or fifteen years ago. Some I know will say there should be no law against shooting snipe at any season, as they do not often nest here; but the trouble would be if the hunter could not find any snipe (and they are a mighty uncertain bird in the Spring, plenty one day and the next you might go all over the grounds and not start a feather), he would pop away at the duck, and, owing to the negligence with which the game law is now enforced, might bring in his game and walk through the streets with it and not be brought up for violating the law. And what does Spring shooting amount to; the sportsman may go out on the marsh or lake every day for a week and shiver so from the cold and wet that it is almost a wonder he does not shake his arms and legs off, and in all that week likely get only one or two days fair shooting; and his ducks when he gets them what are they good for?

If shooting for the market (and all sportsmen's pockets are not so long that it is not necessary to try and get back part of the expense of the trip by selling some of his game) the price they bring at that season will not pay for the ammunition; if shooting with the intention of dividing liberally with his friends his game is poor and strong; no more like a good fat mallard or teal in the Fall than a crow is like a quail, and his friends with whom he divides (in memory of last Fall's delicious feast) hasten home as the dinner hour approaches, only to find their "golden apples are bitter," and anathematise the giver. At the State convention last June the subject of Spring shooting was brought up and talked over some; but it amounted to nothing more than an expression of the opinions of some of the delegates. It is to be hoped that next year, when probably there will be more clubs represented than before, that this subject will be brought up again, and something done in regard to it. If our present game law was better enforced it would help matters much. I suppose there are now at least thirty clubs in this State, and it seems as if more might be done than is at present to stop the illegal killing and shipping of game. I am not going to say a word against trap shooting, as I like it myself; but the trouble seems to be that the clubs act as though this was all they are organized for, and that enforcing the game law is well enough to talk about and have in their Constitution as one of the objects of the club, but when it comes to business, they all want to get out at the back door, or if they happen to blunder onto a case of violation of the law, they shut their eyes and "pass by on the other side." The Chicago Clubs do not do the good they might. They could (if the law is good for anything) spoil the market for game out of season and if there was no market, the market hunters would be driven out of the field in the close season and this would do a great deal to break up the illegal shooting; for then they (the market hunters) would naturally want some revenge, and would look out for that class who call themselves sportsmen but are not, for I claim no sportsman will kill game out of season no matter how tempting the opportunity. Last Summer one of the Clubs in Chicago did bring up some of the offenders, and I am informed after suits were brought, allowed them to drop for want of prosecution, (if I am wrong here I beg the pardon of the Club) and one of its members was caught shooting ducks (for which, if he was not, he ought to have been, expelled from the Club) and for some reason the warrant got out for him was never served. Such cases as these give a bad name to club organizations and make violators of the law more bold, as they think if they are caught, nothing will be done about it. The CHICAGO FIELD, I think, has the power to do a great deal of good by keeping this subject before the sportsmen, and urging them to show that they are entitled to that name, and now, with the close season near at hand, they should be vigilant, as each case prosecuted will prevent a good many. Yours truly, R.

THE BOGUS CIRCULATION.—Toledo, O., Dec. 9, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—I see the *Rod and Gun* makes some comments in regard to your "little dun" that appeared in the CHICAGO FIELD. If we could not afford to take both papers, and had to pay the price per year we do for the New York *Herald*, we would have the CHICAGO FIELD; and if we did not pay up we should expect to be dunned until we did pay. M. R. W.

ROCK ISLAND NOTES.—Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 6, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Our first club hunt occurred yesterday, Dec. 5th, by eight shooters, four on each side. The winning side killed 39 quails, 22 rabbits, 5 pheasants. The losing side killed 15 quails, 17 rabbits, 2 pheasants. Stakes were a good supper with wine. Yours truly, on the winning side. C. GAETZER.

Shooting in the Cumberland Valley.

CHAMBERSBURG, PENN., Oct. 30, 1876.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—We were to have met by appointment at the town of York in the Cumberland Valley, Penn., Oct. 15th a body of Eastern sportsmen for a two weeks shoot on quail. Business, however, detained us in Philadelphia and we did not reach York till the morning of the 18th. We found our traps (which had been sent in advance) at the depot, and a youth who spied us out at once, and informed us that he had his orders to the "hotel" for dinner, and then to Wellsville—some fifteen miles—to join the party. After dinner we donned our shooting rig, stowed Dash and Belle away in the buggy, and, jumping in, were followed by a small boy whose chief delight seemed to be to pass every thing going our direction and see how fast we could ascend one hill and descend another. (Forcibly bringing to mind the old Latin phrase *facilis est decensus Averni*, etc.)

When within a mile or two of our destination we gave word to the dogs, and were soon following them through stubble and thicket, with poor success, however, finding but one covey. We bagged some half dozen fine large quail, and as it was growing late, wended our way to the primitive town of Wellsville, where we found Mr. Ed. Young, of the Northern Central R R; Mr. C. F. Braune, of the Pennsylvania R R. Co. (No 8 Battery place, New York city); Mr. Hiram Hause, of York, Pa., and—we've forgotten his name, but shall call him the "Terror of Maryland."

This last mentioned individual had been sent in advance by our genial friend Ed., in order that he might see how his young setters were likely to turn out. After a hearty supper and considerable dog and shooting talk, we proposed retiring, so that we might make an early start the next morning. The puzzled face of our host and hostess seemed to indicate a scarcity of feather beds, etc. Now, Ed. and self having arrived the same day, came very near being stowed away together. But there was fun in prospective, and we without hesitation informed our host (from the faderland) that by advise of our physician, we invariably slept alone and on a hard bed. Braune and Hause backing our assertion, our reputation for veracity was not questioned, and a bed was extemporized for us in the apartments occupied by the last mentioned gentleman to our satisfaction, and the gentlemanly and urbane Edward was laid away beside the manly and Herculean form of the "Terror of Maryland." What happened that night deponent sayeth not; true our friend of the Northern Central averred at the breakfast table that he had not closed his eyes. Indeed the day's sport and the next night finished him; for the following morning he left for York and the Baltimore express—taking the "Terror of Maryland" with him to be *dropped* at his way station where we shall *leave* him, trusting if we ever meet him again he may have Colburn's Dash or some of those equally celebrated dogs, he claims to have handled.

Braune, Hause and myself now had the field for two days with good success considering that the ground was in many places very stony, and that we were politely requested not to shoot in two places where we found birds most plentiful.

Some 350 quails were brought to bag, two dozen woodcocks in full plumage and of goodly weight, besides a few "pheasants," as they are termed in Pennsylvania.

The wagon was now taken for York, and a quiet Sunday passed. Braune and Hause left for Newport, via. "Centennial," and I to the heading of this letter, Chambersburg, where I felt a *conviction* birds would be numerous. Stopping over in Harrisburg, to make connection with the Cumberland Valley train, we called upon our old friend Jim Dougherty, Treasurer of the State Sportsmen's Association of Pennsylvania, and had not our baggage been checked through and time an object, would have accepted his invitation to try the quail in his vicinity. Arriving at Chambersburg we were most cordially welcomed by the sportsmen of Franklin County and had a week's sport long to be remembered.

And if we left no reputation behind us as a Nimrod—our Ed. Thomas, Jr. (Foster, Abbey new action) was looked upon as a wonder, and Dash and Belle, especially the white one, about as good dogs as the valley ever saw—in witness whereof, we have no doubt, that great pursuer of rabbits and catcher of Fall fish, Sam Shearman, Esq., of Taylorsville, Franklin County, would subscribe his hand and seal.

Birds were plentiful, more so we are told than they have been for years in the valley. And *Deo volente*, there will be rare sport next season. We could average from two to three dozen birds a day hunting in a leisurely sort of way, having good sport and a truly enjoyable time.

TRAVELER.

HOT SPRING NOTES.—Hot Springs, Arkansas, Dec. 5, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—As I am now in Arkansas, I will earnestly endeavor to give my northern friends a brief account of the kind of game in this vicinity. In the first place deer are plenty about twenty miles from here. Turkeys are numerous and are brought to town every day. Black bears are somewhat larger than I have seen elsewhere, and seemed to be doing wonderfully well in this climate. Bear is almost as common as pork, and venison an every day dish. Possum and beaver tails also seemed to be a great delicacy here, and are in abundance; a good fat possum weighing seven or eight pounds can be bought for 50c alive, but this seems to be an epicurean dish, and is not liked generally on account of its fatness, beaver's tails likewise. Quails are not so numerous as in northern States, but are good sized and plump game birds; there seems to be also a few woodcocks here, and I think the ground looks favorable for a good game country generally. This part of Arkansas is very mountainous, and consequently affords a good many gullies, ravines, etc., and as there is a great deal of timber land and underbrush, it affords a good cover for game. A party left here a few days ago and killed nine deer and some twenty turkeys, and squirrels by the dozen; these are fox squirrels. They were gone some eight days, traveled two and hunted six, and I think made a favorable bag for a party of four, who, in this vicinity, are not the first shots by any means. I think I have told you all, and as my appetite prompts me to go home and eat a good venison stake for supper, I bid you good night. PULL.

KANSAS NOTES.—Southern Kansas, Dec. 9, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—The following is the report of game bagged Thanksgiving day: Chas. Bull and Capt. B. F. Morey, over Chas. Osbun's pointer Chalk, 47 quails, 1 duck. Will Osbun, over his pointer Prince and Chas. Osbun's Brick, 28 quails. James Ball and W. B. Shockley, over Mr. Ball's setter Jack, 43 quails. Will Lond and Steeve Norton, over Sam Davis' pointer Flora, 28 quails. Mr. Will Osbun and Al Osbun report a bag one day this week of 42 quails and 16 rabbits. UM ZOO EE.

Duck Shooting.

PEOTONE, Ill., Dec. 9, 1876.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—According to promise I will let you know of my success the second time I tried duck shooting this fall.

Bob and I started about ten o'clock one Saturday morning, and proceeded to a large field, where on the bank of a wide creek we had built a couple of blinds with a small slough between them. On our way we stopped at a friend's house and refreshed ourselves by drinking about a quart of rich, cool milk, and then, vastly invigorated, we struck out, determined to deal out death to the wild fowl without mercy. We had to cross a large, open field, and as we went along I saw some eight or ten ducks in a small pond in the middle of the field. There was no cover at all, so we tried to stalk them, but they didn't stalk worth a cent, and long before we were within shot they flew towards the setting sun with a loud *quack* of derision or defiance, perhaps both.

We finally reached the scene of our labors and were soon in our blinds and on the lookout for ducks having first arranged a series of signals to be used to let each other know from which direction the ducks were coming, but none came. I was just about to light my pipe when I saw Bob suddenly stand up pitch up his gun and fire and the duck he fired at as suddenly made up his mind to stop and came to the ground with a dull thud on the other side of the creek. Here was a fix! Bob didn't want to wade across, and it was either do that or walk half a mile to cross on a fence. Just then he saw a couple of old fence boards lying near by, and calling me to help, we placed them across the water and on this narrow bridge Bob crossed over, while I was waiting to see him fall in and all ready with a good laugh in case my expectations were realized. At last the duck (a fine mallard) was retrieved and quiet once more reigned on the banks of "Duck Creek," as I believe it is called here in the Fall and Spring; in the Summer there is no water there and then it is called nothing but a dead furrow.

It had begun to rain a light, steady fall and everything began to be uncomfortable. The ducks were all in a field next to the one we were in and seemed to know that they had better stay there, for though several flew off at different times none came within gun-shot.

While I was thinking of how nice a good fire would feel, a low whistle from Bob warned me that ducks were coming towards me, so cocking my gun I waited. In a minute or so I could hear the whistling of their wings, and ten fine mallards wheeled round by my blind and settled down towards the water. As soon as they were fairly settled I fired and killed two, and as the rest rose quacking and fluttering, I put in my second barrel and brought down another with a broken wing. Bob meanwhile had not been idle, but had got two single shots, killing both birds finely.

We gathered our birds and retired. Rain and everything else was forgotten, and we would have been contented if it had rained twice as hard. There is nothing like a little success to drive weariness out of a sportsman, and our good luck in getting five out of ten ducks had amply repaid us for our two hours' waiting in the rain, and made us ready to wait two hours more for a like chance. But we didn't have to wait so long again, for in the few minutes we got another shot at about thirty ducks, as they wheeled around over our blinds. We got in four barrels and killed four ducks, besides wounding six, which we got after some trouble.

As we saw a great many ducks flying over our heads out of shot we thought that perhaps it would be a good plan to set up our dead ducks for decoys, and we accordingly did so, taking a stout reed and running one end into the bird under the lower mandibles, and placing the other end firmly in the mud. We fixed up twelve in this way, and soon had the pleasure of seeing a team of ducks, which were about to pass us, wheel round and approach our decoys. We got two of them, and soon afterwards a couple of fine green winged teal. We stayed there till nearly dark, and were kept fairly busy loading, firing, and gathering dead birds and cripples. On counting up we found we had 27 ducks, besides 7 quails and 1 rabbit (the latter we had shot on our way out). Of these I had killed 11 ducks and 5 quails, missing 20 shots that day. Bob had missed only ten shots, and had fired every time he had a fair chance.

If we had had good breech-loaders we should have got at least double the number of ducks, for we were loading several times when ducks passed within easy shot. This is a very poor place for ducks, for though they were here in numbers, they frequented such sloughs that no one could approach them, and it was only chance that we found as good a place as we did. Others that went out that day were obliged to be content with from 0 to at most 6 ducks, most of them with the former.

Yours, ORTYX.

P. S.—May I ask "Mohican" to write to "T. Umbellus," as that gentleman has requested me to do so, knowing "M." to be a correspondent of your paper, and not having received any answer to a letter written several weeks ago."

Yours, ORTYX.

SELLING GAME IN KANSAS.—Moundville, Vernon Co., Mo., Nov. 28th, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—I was under the impression that it was a violation of the law in Kansas to buy or sell grouse and quails. Looking around Fort Scott yesterday I saw both exposed for sale; and upon inquiry found that they were making a business of it. Now, as they have a sportsmen's club in aforesaid city, I concluded I must be laboring under a mistake, and that said law was a myth. Will you please enlighten us a little, and, if there really is such a law, call the attention of the gentlemenly sportsmen to the matter? I admire your independent way of advocating under all and any circumstances, right and fairness against fraud, and for advancing the true interest of all sporting gentlemen. I extend my hand and say "God-speed" and long-continued success to the CHICAGO FIELD. Truly yours, SOUTHWEST MO.

NOTE BY EDITOR.—The game laws of Kansas, prohibit the shipping game out of the State under a penalty of $100 to the railroad or express company transporting it, and an additional fine of from $10 to $50 to the agents of said company receiving the game for shipment; but there is no clause prohibiting the sale of game within the State. Moreover, the sportsmen of Ft. Scott, we understand are very vigilant in the protection of game.

MOMENCE NOTES.—Momence, Ill., Dec. 11, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Just returned from a two and a half days' hunt. The Captain and myself killed 127 quails, 9 rabbits and 1 prairie chicken. The Captain says it is the best shooting he ever had. TRAMP.

Iowa Shooting Notes.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 2, 1876.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—The season of the year has now arrived in this latitude when the Winter king dictates terms to the sportsman and bids him for awhile to lay by the deadly double barrel and send the showy setter to his kennel, when he drives the water fowl South to form a returning board to report next March, when the freezing huddles of quail offer an easy mark to the merciless pot hunter and the starving grouse fall by dozens into the traps of the granger.

Now is the time when the sportsmen's letters to the CHICAGO FIELD have an additional relish as they recount their exploits of the past season "by flood and by field," and suggest to each one that he too could perhaps contribute something that would be of interest to your readers. I myself could tell of a three hour's shoot on the classic Skunk at the end of which the two men composing the party came staggering into the station under the weight of 50 mallards, hung across a pole *a la* the grapes of Scripture, that had fallen to their two guns alone, followed shortly by two village hunters each proudly bearing a full-grown teal. I could tell of two other men that in the same length of time, and in the same locality, averaged 21½ ducks each, viz: 40 to the one and 3 to the other; and again where three men in one party killed 82 grouse to 18 bagged by a party of four in the same township on the same day; I say I could go on and give the details of these and many other similar hunts, did I not fear that some doubting Thomas of a W. L. Nicholson would rise up and cry "Gross exageration; foolish tissue of lies," and so on as in the case of "The Hunt in Western Iowa." Now, as a resident of Iowa, I can see nothing improbable in the statements of D. O. of B. Every Fall parties leave this part of the State for the purpose of shooting in the region mentioned, and all unite in pronouncing it a sportsman's paradise. It is in fact a thinly settled prairie country, abounding in shallows, ponds and small lakes, grown up partly with rushes and grass, and every sportsman knows that such places are natural resorts for water fowl at certain seasons of the year, and in the month of October the grouse flock into the scattered settlements from the distant prairies by the thousands for the purpose of feeding in the cornfields, which all goes to show that it is not impossible for a party of four or five good shots to bag 700 head in seven shooting days, an average of 25 each per diem. Now I do not know that D. O. of B. and party bagged the number named above, for they are all perfect strangers to me; but I have not the least doubt but that it is a fact. There is one class of sportsman that cannot understand how it is that another can go out and make a better bag than themselves. As one billiard player said to another, "How is it that you always beat me, and I am a better player than you?" Perhaps the two village hunters with their single duck and "personal knowledge of the country" could not see how the two town sportsmen could have bagged 50 in so short a time.

On the subject of dogs, I would like to ask why is pace and style so desirable in a dog, when on quail; should a dog pitch and dash while working on a broken covey? is he not liable to flush, or worse still run by his game? I think such would often be the case in this part of the country where the birds always make for the densest cover. Even the keenest nosed dog would miss them in such places, while going at a breakneck speed, and this would be still more true in regard to whole covies which are generally in some tolerably open place and ready to take wing at the appearance of a dog coming towards them like a whirlwind, thereby losing a chance for a double shot. In breaking a dog on grouse I admit he cannot be too speedy, providing he quarters his ground well, but my experience has been that the quiet, cat-like gait which you so much deprecate in Isabella, is the surest, and in the end the quickest way to fill the bag. I have a rough-looking native setter that is a clipper in the stubble and prairie, but in the brush and grass a very snake; but he finds his birds and points them too; yet if flushing is to be a merit in the eyes of the judges at Memphis, it will be necessary to re-break him. On ducks he breaks at the crack of the gun to retrieve. On grouse he never leaves his tracks until he receives the word, but the fashion changes and he is now an old-fashioned dog broken in the fashion of "fifty years ago." SCHNEIDER.

Shooting Gossip by Sober Sam.—What Five Ducks Cost.

BRADFORD, O., Dec. 11, 1876.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—How lonesome we Buckeye sportsmen are about now. Our guns are standing idle, and the dogs lie quietly by the stove; not a point has been made nor a shot fired since last season. We feel like strangers in a strange land. Can it be possible that the month of December is half gone and we have not bagged a bird? We can hardly realize that such is the case. The birds are very plenty, and more than once have I been tempted to defy the law and take to the fields for our much longed for sport. Once indeed I made ready to go; hunting coat and rubber boots were quickly drawn on; the dogs pricked up their ears and intently watched my movements, and finally the gun was brought forth from its resting place, and the click of the lock was heard by my canine friends who manifested their delight by prancing around the room, jumping over the head of little five year old Flora, till, in his delight, Dash bumped up against her and threw her down; she soon regained her feet and gave vent to the following childish remark, "Papy I wish you would take them big ugly dogs away." Upon further and mature deliberation I came to the conclusion that I had written too much in the CHICAGO FIELD, in condemnation of pot shooters and law breakers to violate that same law myself. The gun then was put back in the corner, the dogs lay down on their rug, coat and boots were hung back on the hook, Flora resumed her play and I sat down to plan a raid on the feathered tribes of the Hoosier State, for shoot I must and shoot I will have, and that soon, perhaps before another week goes by. Mr. Eastham of this place and Messrs. Redman and Parker of Piqua, indulged in a few days hunt near North Grove, Ind.; 300 quails were killed by the party over four dogs.

A few days ago I had occasion to go to Mill Grove, Ind., and was informed by a friend there that wild turkeys, quails, and rabbits were very plenty in that vicinity. I was taken to a shanty near the depot, and shown two flour sacks full of quails, two magnificent turkeys, and a barrel of rabbits, all ready for shipment to New York. The boy said that he sold turkeys (wild) at $1,25 each; rabbits, four for 25 cents, and quails at $1,00 per dozen.

Mr. Will Sowers, one of our most prominent sportsmen, went to Beaver lake to shoot ducks. Will says the ducks are so flighty in their notions that you never know where to find them; at least on this occasion, he only found five of the quackers, which he hid in his big pockets and then sneaked in the back way and confronted Mrs. S. with "mighty bad weather for hunting!" "Ha, ha! where's your game?" "Oh, I *could not carry it;* I only brought home enough for a mess." "Too weak, Mr. S., too weak!" and Mrs. S. summed up the trip as follows: "Railroad fare $7.50, horse and wagon two days $6 00, hotel bills $9 00, ammunition (six cartridges) 18 cents, 1 gallon of sundries $4.50, meat for dogs $1.00; actual outlay $27.18; in addition must be added the loss of one week from business and the time spent in preparation for this grand hunt, also the large amount of breath spent in talking the matter up; value received for the above, five ducks, and bless my soul—well if two of them are not mud hens. Oh! you are a nice sportsman, you are; you better try it again." From the above it will be readily inferred that Mr. S. is not in the habit of coming home empty handed, and that Mrs. S. could hardly realize it.

The weather here is extremely cold, with about two inches of snow on the ground. All sporting news is at a discount, caused, no doubt, by the universal interest manifested in president making. May this vexed question soon be settled satisfactorily to both parties, is the earnest wish of

SOBER SAM.

ENGLISH NOTES.—Recently the steam engines of Messrs. G. and J. Johnson, linen manufacturers, East Wemyss, Fifeshire, were suddenly stopped. On examination an eel, measuring six inches in circumference and two and a half feet long, was found firmly fixed in the valve of the condenser. It is more remarkable for the fact that the water supply for the engine is obtained from a considerable distance by a six inch pipe....A cow in the neighborhood of Falkland, in Fifeshire, says *Land and Water*, recently gave birth to a calf with six legs, four of which were attached to the usual part of the body, while the superfluous two, which were shorter, stuck right out in front of the calf's breast. The calf lived only a few minutes. But what is strange, is, this is the second time the cow has had such a formed calf. ....We forget who it was just now, as our medical knowledge is fast getting rusty, but some author on the ear and its diseases has advanced the idea that white cats are usually deaf; and in the Magazine of Natural History is mentioned a white Persian cat some years ago which was a great family pet and quite deaf. In the numerous litters of kittens which she had every one of those white like her were deaf, while those mottled or tabby were not. A correspondent to an English cotemporary mentions a white kitten owned in his vicinity which is quite deaf. . . . Some fishermen at Tenby when they went one afternoon to haul up their cod lines found hooked a seal weighing over one hundred pounds, which they hauled into the boat, brought ashore and put into a tank, where his sealship attracted a large crowd of admirers, one of whom bought him for five pounds. This is the first seal which has been seen in the neighborhood for many years.... The inventor of the Schultze wood powder, Major Schultze, a Prussian officer, claims that his powder is nothing less than the ordinary gun powder without sulphur, which he considers an unnecessary ingredient....There are tricks in all trades save ours. Three convictions have been effected lately in the London courts for selling painted sparrows for goldfinches, which is an old trick revived.... Foxes and pheasants it seems, can live together as will be seen from the following score of Col. Lennard and some friends, who shot over some of the Wickham Court preserves, ten miles from London. The preserves had been frequently drawn by the Old Surrey hounds the present season. Broomfield Bank, James' Wood, and Fuller's Wood, each held a fox; Well Wood a brace. Game killed: Pheasants, 201; partridges, 3; woodcock, 1; hares, 23; rabbits, 16....The other day several gentlemen, says the *Live Stock Journal*, were out shooting on the estate of Ochtertyre, and when traversing the lands of Lagan, about two miles west of Crieff, shot a pure white fox.

The Lexington (Mo.) Sportsmen's Club Hunt.

LEXINGTON, MO., Dec. 4, 1876.

EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—The grand hunt of our Nimrods came off on Thursday last, Thanksgiving day. Although a very cold day, yet there was a fair turn-out.

The game count agreed upon was as follows:

Partridge	1	Duck	3
Rabbit	1	Prairie chicken	3
Hawk	1	Woodcock	3
Squirrel	1	Goose	5
Jack-snipe	1	Brant	5
Dove or pigeon	1	Pheasant	5
Meadow lark	1	Wild turkey	10
Crow	1	Deer	25

The following is a list of those who went and of what they counted:

CAPT. MCKEE'S SQUAD.		CAPT. BENNETT'S SQUAD.	
E. Turner	38	W. B. Hamlet	45
Robt. Davis	17	Wm. Waddell	20
J. W. Bedford	14	T. D. Saunders	9
C. Bacnett	25	S. E. Ingram	19
Jacob Appel	8	— Weedin	14
Dr. Young	6	Wm. Bennett	4
Dr. Meng	14		
Moses Kimball	8	Total	111
Total	130		

McKee's squad are the winners, although the average count is not so large as that of the other. The average in Bennett's squad is 18, and in McKee's 16.

Mr. Hamlet carries off the banner for the largest count. He killed single heads, bringing home 45 quails and rabbits. Mr. Turner, of the *Lexington Register*, is next. He killed the most valuable and rarest game; he brought home two large wild turkeys and the only pheasant killed. All the hunters report that the cold was so severe that they were compelled to spend quite a portion of the day in hunting fire. Mr. Turner was taken sick about 2 o'clock P. M. and quit hunting. Had he kept well he would have bagged some more turkeys.

The members of the club propose another hunt during the holidays. They have fixed Wednesday, Dec. 27, as the day. A supper and ball will follow during the same week. Of course it will be a nice affair. LEXINGTON.

A BAPTISM OF FIRE.—New Albany, Ind., Dec. 6, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Judging by myself I have no doubt it would be a pleasure to some of your sportsmen to know of an instance which occurred here on Thanksgiving day. There were on that day two turkey ranges; one a three hundred yard range, while the other was only a two hundred yard range. At the latter of these there was a poor forsaken gobbler that stood to see the seventy-sixth shot fired. There was a great deal of excitement in knowing which was to be heard of first, whether the turkey was captured, or if the news had been received from the returning board of Louisiana. It is hardly necessary to state that this is not the general average for our boys. J. H. K.

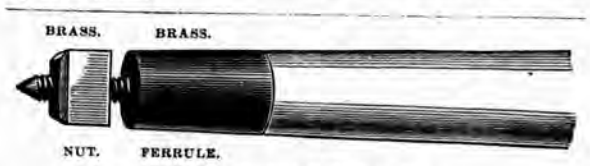
That Bogus Circulation.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 11, 1876.

Editor Chicago Field:—I was much amused by reading in the editorial columns of the last issue of the *Rod and Gun* another of the many flings which that paper has had at the CHICAGO FIELD since your connection with it. But let it pass, such things do you no harm, for a comparison of the two papers shows very plainly which is the better of the two. Why, there is more interesting reading matter in one issue of the CHICAGO FIELD than in a dozen of the *Rod and Gun*. In short, the latter paper is as insipid in material compared to the CHICAGO FIELD as it is inferior in appearance.

As to the "young journalist," it is better to have a young head with something in it than an old one that is empty. The columns of the two papers show which is the better head of the two. At any rate we sportsmen here in Detroit prefer the young one to the old one. What your circulation may be in other places I have not the opportunity of knowing, but if it has increased as rapidly in other places as in Detroit during the last six months and the *Rod and Gun* has correspondingly decreased, then I think the bogus circulation is on the other leg. Keep on as you are and never fear. I have had occasion to travel over a great deal of the West this last Fall and part of the Summer, and everywhere that I have met sportsmen there is but one expression, that the CHICAGO FIELD is not only the best sportsman's paper now published, but the best which ever has been published in this country, and the determination is to support it, for it is the only organ we have, and from which we can get a correct and independent opinion. It is our *oracle*, and we are bound to support it. The fact is the shoe begins to pinch in the East in the gradual diminishing circulation, and my opinion and that of many others is that the gray hairs of the old head are before long destined to go down to the grave, and that we shall be called on to say of the *Rod and Gun*, *requiescat in pace*, for surely if "the public pays for what it wants" it don't pay for the *Rod and Gun*, for only young boys who have not yet "cut their wisdom teeth" can be instructed in it and want it. Your friend, CAMPUS MARTIUS

FITCHET'S CLEANING ROD.—West Troy, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—This is the best cleaning rod out—of my own invention—not patented. It is the handiest rod for breech-loaders I ever saw; you can slip the patches off and on in one-tenth part of the time it would take to run them through a hole in the rod, and no danger of scratching the barrels.



FITCHET'S CLEANING ROD.

The following are the directions for using it: Have the nut work easy; cut square or round patches of cloth of suitable size. The end of screw being sharp perforates the patch easily; slip on patch and hold nut between finger and thumb and turn rod until nut is home. No danger of marring barrels as the cloth only comes in contact with them.

JOHN H. FITCHET.

DETROIT NOTES.—Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—The following is a list of fortunate Nimrods and Ramrods, with bags made during the past week: William Lumsdon, Frederick Simmons and George Brow, 88 quails and 5 rabbits; James H. Ford and Edwin S. Barbour, 60 quails and nine partridges, (2 days); John E. Long and John Walkley, 5 partridges, 52 quails, 1 squirrel, and 1 red fox; Fred Simmons and Harry Chandler, 3 rabbits and 36 quails. William S. Mason returned on the 5th inst., from a five day's visit and shoot in the southern part of the State, with 160 quails, 1 turkey and 5 partridges.

PEELER.

Fish.

Immense Destruction of Salmon by Porpoises.

One of the greatest difficulties the Yorkshire Salmon Fishery Board has had to deal with has been the immense destruction of salmon by porpoises. The subject has many times come up for discussion, but no satisfactory solution has, at present, been arrived at. It is reliably asserted that in the Goole district of the Humber alone, tons of salmon have been destroyed during the late season. The board and the fishermen have been utterly unable to help themselves, though they have been intensely annoyed (the fishermen particularly) to see magnificent salmon pounced upon by huge porpoises and killed before their own eyes. Some of these porpoises have been judged to average in weight nearly a couple of tons, while, taking them as an average, they would scale at least sixteen or eighteen cwt.

The subject has again been under consideration by the board this last week at York, when Mr. Frank Buckland, being in the neighborhood, was invited to attend. Rhodes, an intelligent fisherman, was also present. The secretary to the board stated that several plans had been proposed to capture the porpoises, but none appeared exactly suitable. One plan was to take the monsters by means of strong, deep nets attached to floating tubs, and then drifting the captured fish ashore. Rhodes being asked to speak, said he had observed the monsters all the season between Cleethorpes and Goole. They would not leave the river while a salmon remained in it. He had seen shoals of at least four hundred of the monsters at one time, and one year he himself slaughtered twenty-seven of them. The monsters made their appearance in May and remained until September. They were four feet or five feet long, and he thought the best plan to capture them would be by means of large meshes and strong cords. Mr. Woodhall, a gentleman who has done a great deal of sea fishing, stated that while out in his father's yacht he had seen as many as forty of these porpoises in a body. He observed the largest at the mouth of the Humber. He had tried to shoot one, but all his shots had failed. Mr. Buckland showed a sketch of the mode in which he suggested that porpoises should be caught. It consists of a live bait attached to a floating barrel. To frighten the porpoises he said a bell might be used, as it was a well-known natural fact that they did not like a noise and had a very quick sense of hearing. Several gentlemen expressed a contrary opinion to this, and Mr. Woodhall said he had often seen the monsters near the bell off Filey. Ultimately, the subject merged into a discussion as to the relative destructiveness of the porpoise and the grampus, and Mr. Buckland agreed with several others present that the salmon had decidedly most to fear from the latter fish. It was, therefore, resolved that rewards should be offered for the capture of twenty porpoises and twenty grampus, with a view to their examination, so that the board could adopt measures for their destruction. G. T. G.—*In The Country.*

CALIFORNIA PIKE.—Pike from the Sacramento and American are sold daily in the markets of Gold Hill, Nev.

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Patch.

The subject of the following obituary poetry, which is from the Canandagua, N. Y., *Ontario County Journal*, was a Cocker spaniel, owned by A. S. Williams, Esq., Canandagua, N. Y. Patch was bred by S. J. Bestor, Hartford, Conn., and was by imported Romeo, out of imported Juliette. Mr. Williams was taking the cars and left his dog at the depot and the dog thinking to follow his master got under the car wheels and was killed. Hence these lines:

PATCH.

My dog is dead! "Well, what of that?" they say:
"Sometimes dogs die, and sometimes men do too;
Beside, you know, each dog must have his day,
So thank your stars death took your dog, not you."

O, false philosophy! Have you not heard
There is a Being mightiest of all,
Who rules alike o'er man, and beast, and bird,
Who taketh note of every sparrow's fall?

But I forgive you: Patch you did not know,
His was a nature loving, brave and true;
And were he now to hear you speaking so
I am not sure but he'd forgive you too.

Patch was a cocker of the finest strain;
Proud in the consciousness of his blue blood,
To mix with other dogs he would not deign
Unless they traced at least back to the flood.

And thou wast loving, Patch. And when the wind
To "vex'd Bermoothes" thy dear master bore,
He little knew the love he left behind,
Nor dreamed thy life went out with him from shore.

Yes, Patch is dead. "And what of that?" you say;
"Sometimes dogs die and sometimes men do too,"
You're right, alas! The dog has had his day,
And I could wish that I had mine too.

ANOTHER ESQUAMAUX.—On her recent return from her last trip to the Arctic Regions, the Pandora brought back, as on the occasion of the outset of the Arctic Expedition, amongst other curiosities from those dreary icebound regions of the North, a specimen of the native dog, which, in the great "Lone Lands" of the frigid zone, fulfill with the reindeer the same duties as those imposed on the camel in the parched and boundless deserts of equatorial Asia and Africa. The dog which Captain Young brought over with him last year escaped from his home in Hampshire, and met with an untimely end by means of powder and shot, partly on account of his heavy requisitions on the denizens of some of the neighboring farm-yards, and partly from his similarity to a wolf. The Pandora's latest canine importation belonged to Lieutenant Arbuthnot, who, on his return, placed the animal under the care of a veterinary surgeon at Arundel. It, however, managed to get loose, a fact which soon became known by the levies it at once proceeded to make on the feathered inhabitants of a neighboring farm. Luckily, however, it was soon recaptured, and therefore did not fall a victim, like its predecessor, to the ambition of a local sportsman, whose want of zoological knowledge, coupled with the cry of "Wolf" had, as in the case of the previous dog, induced him to sally forth to do battle with the farmyard devastator. In justice to the farmer accountable for the death of Captain Young's Esquimaux, we would refer to Hartwig's description of these dogs. He says that in the form of their bodies, their short pricked ears, furry coat, and bushy tail they so nearly resemble the wolf of those regions that when of a light or brindled color, they may easily at a little distance be mistaken for that animal.—*Land and Water.*

THE GROWTH OF MARS.—Eagle Farm, Claremont, N.H., Dec. 2, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—Permit me once more to intrude upon your space with the dimensions of Mars, the mastiff pup. He will be six months old to-morrow. Perhaps it may not be so interesting to your sporting readers to know the size of such a dog as to know the color, form, etc., of some noted setter, but a little vanity will do no harm I trust. I send measurements to-day, also those taken Oct. 13th, which was published in your issue of Oct. 21st.

	Nov. 2d.	*Oct. 13th.*
At shoulder	27½ inches.	26 inches.
At hip	28 "	"
Around chest	32 "	30 "
Around fore-leg	9½ "	9 "
Around head in front of ears	21 "	18½ "
From nose to end of tail	63 "	60 "
Length of head	11 "	10½ "
Weight in good growing condition	110 pounds.	81 pounds.

If Mars continues to grow as he has for the past two months, he will excelled his sire in size, who weighs 160 pounds and measures 40 inches around the chest. As I received before letters from gentlemen wishing to buy Mars, and asking if I knew of mastiff for sale, let me say this time that the pup can not be bought, and I know not where dogs of such blood can be purchased. W. J.

Names Claimed.

LEAH.—Capt. Fred. W. Jones, Brooklyn, N. Y., claims the name of Leah for his cocker spaniel bitch bred by S. J. Bestor, Hartford, Conn., and whelped August 8th, 1876. Leah is by imported Snip out of Bestor's imported Juliette.

BRUCE AND FLORA III.—Windsor, Ont., Dec. 6th, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—I claim the name of Bruce for my English setter dog pup out of Davidson's Flora, by Adams' Rock, and Flora III. for bitch pup, same sire and dam; born July 13, 1876. Color, snuff ticked.

Yours truly, JOHN HAMMON.

DUFF.—Clinton, Iowa, Dec. 10, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field.*—I claim the name of Duff for my black and tan Gordon setter puppy by Dexter, first prize winner at Chicago, 1876, out of Belle, also prize winner at the same show, born Sept., 1876 (presented to me by E. C. Waller, Esq.). My old setter, now seven years, bears the name of Mac, so with the puppy, I now think I have a whole dog, in name at least—Mac-Duff. *A propos* of Macduff, my three copies of Shakspeare's plays, including the famous Edinboro edition of 1845, all have it:

Before my body
I throw my warlike shield; lay on Macduff,
And damn'd be him that first cries Hold, enough!

Yours, FRANK G. NOYES.

BIRMINGHAM DOG SHOW.—Dog shows in England as in this country continue to increase in popularity. The entries for the Birmingham dog show which was to take place Thursday last the 14th and continue to Monday next the 18th amounted to just 1,000, divided as follows: Bloodhounds, 9; deerhounds, 17; greyhounds, 12; otter hounds, 2; harriers, 5; beagles, 9; fox terriers, 120; pointers, 79; pointers, puppies, 2; English setters, 39; black and tan setters, 30; Irish setters, 38; setters of all breeds, puppies, 2; retrievers, 70; retrievers, puppies, 3; Irish spaniels, 12; water spaniels (not Irish), 11; Clumber spaniels, 19; Sussex spaniels, 24; large spaniels, 27; small ditto, 10; dachshunds, 21; foreign sporting dogs, 1; mastiffs, 46; St. Bernards, puppies, 3; Newfoundlands, 13; sheepdogs, 68; Dalmatians, 10; bulldogs, 29; bull terriers, 33; smooth-haired terriers, 15; black and tan terriers, (large), 14; small ditto, 12; Skye terriers, 19; Dandy Dinmonts, 15; broken-haired terriers, 5; Bedlington terriers, 8; wire-haired terriers, 20; Pomeranians, 10; pugs, 27; Maltese, 9; Italian greyhounds, 4; Blenheim spaniels, 8; King Charles spaniels, 6; poodles, 1; smooth-haired toy terriers, 11; broken-haired ditto, 5; large sized foreign dogs, 5; small-sized ditto, 1. The total number entered this year is 1,000; in 1875, it was 1,000; in 1874, it was 1,017; in 1873, it was 914; in 1872, it was 912, in 1871, it was 905; in 1870, it was 842; and in 1869, it was 757.

KANSAS CITY DOG SHOW.—The first annual exhibition of the Kansas City Mosouri Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be held at Frank's Hall, Kansas City, on next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Dec. 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd. Besides the premiums for poultry of all description, wild turkeys, wild geese, wild ducks, cranes, prairie chickens, quails, rabbits, squirels, cats etc. The following prizes are offered for dogs. Best Irish setter dog, $5; best Irish setter bitch, $5; best English setter dog, $5; best English setter bitch, $5; best Gordon setter dog, $5; best Gordon setter bitch, $5; best pointer dog, under 50 pounds, $5; best pointer bitch, under 50 pounds $5; best pointer dog, over 50 pounds, $5; best pointer bitch, over 50 pounds, $5; best Newfoundland dog, $3; best Newfoundland bitch, $2; best black and tan dog, $3; best black and tan bitch, $2; best hound dog, $3; best hound bitch, $2; best shepherd dog, $3; best shepherd bitch, $2; best spitz dog, $3; best spitz bitch, $2; best spaniel dog, $3; best spaniel bitch, $2; best [illegible] hound dog, $3; best grey hound bitch, $2; best coach dog, $3; best [illegible] bitch, $2; best bull dog, $3; best bull bitch, $2; best dog any [illegible]ed, $3; best bitch, $2.

[illegible]unications should be addressed to D. L. Hall, Secretary [illegible] Mo.

WHO BOUGHT STAFFORD.—St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 7, 1876.—*Editor Chicago Field:*—You are in error in stating that Stafford was bought by the St. Louis Kennel Club. She was bought by me for my cousin, T. W. Sterling, who is now hunting him.

Yours respectfully, E. C. STERLING.

DOLLY VARDEN AND BERKLEY.—Mr. Chas. H. Turner, of the St. Louis Kennel Club, has purchased from Mr. Luther Adams his young setter bitch Dolly Varden, by Rock, out of Queen Mab, and from the St. Louis Kennel Club the red Irish setter dog pup Berkley, by Elcho, out of Loo II.

PRINCESS BELLE.—Mr. N. Dodge, of Detroit, has sold to Mr. Max Lemain, also of Detroit, his Field Trial setter bitch puppy Princess Belle, out of Farnworth's Rose. Princess Belle was imported *in utero* and is sired by Rufus by Macdona's Ranger.

SALE OF PLUNKET, ETC.—Dr. Goldsmith has sold his dogs Plunket, Carrie, Rapp, Nell and two young red Irish setter bitches by Plunket, reared by Dr. Goldsmith, to Mr. W. G. Farrar, of Cleveland, Ohio.

FOR BALTIMORE.—The St. Louis Kennel Club propose to exhibit their cracks at the Baltimore show. Entries for this show close positively on the 20th inst.

FOR SALE.—Irish setter dog, well broken on quail; also, a No. 10 breech-loading shot gun (by Gibbs), in case, complete. Will be sold cheap, owner having no further use for them. Address, J. B., care of CHICAGO FIELD.—[*Advertisement.*]

Answers to Correspondents.

KENNEL.

READER, LaSalle.—My bitch has not been well for some time. She takes no notice, and while on her feet walks in a circle as though she had the blind staggers. She has a diarrhœa and is getting very poor. What can I do for her? Ans.—Your description is too meager to admit of a certain opinion being formed. It is however, very possible that the bitch may have worms. Give a dose of powdered areca nut, one drachm in butter sufficient to make into a bolus, upon an empty stomach and follow in twelve hours with a smart dose of castor oil. Repeat on the second day, and follow up this treatment for a week or ten days, provided the oil does not induce excessive purging. In the latter case discontinue the treatment till the bowels have become regular. Watch the bitch for other symptoms, and if any decided ones appear consult a good physician and give the same remedies which he would prescribe for a human being under similar circumstances.

J. A., Middlebury.—How can I teach my dog how to back another? Ans.—Teach him in the kennel yard to stop at the command "to ho." To do this throw a bit of food on the ground, then with your hand on the dog's collar advance with him a step or two, say "to ho" and compel the dog to stop and stand still for a few moments, then let him advance and eat the food. Work him till he will stop without your holding him, either when near you or at a distance, and when perfect, take him into the field with a steady old dog that is a sure game finder. When the old dog points, make out to attract your dog's attention, and as soon as he notices his companion's point, stop him instantly by the command. Then advance and flush the birds, but do not let your dog move from his place till after the flush and the gun is reloaded. Practice in this way will teach him to back well.

Subscriber.—Please give me a receipt that will cure mange. My black and tan is suffering from it. Ans.—There are many applications prescribed for mange, but the surest of all are the mercurial preparations, though they require great care in handling to avoid bad effects from their use. The best prescription is green iodide of mercury one part, lard sixteen parts, a small portion should be applied daily, well rubbed into one or more of the sore spots, as they will not need a second application, the whole may be gone over in a few days. Give at the same time five drops of Fowler's solution of arsenic in water, three times a day, and use a vegetable diet. Be careful to keep the dog warm and dry for some days after the mercury has been applied.

R. M. B., Racine.—I have seen a few hounds bluish in color with tan muzzles and tan spots over the eyes. What kind of hounds are they, fox or deer; and are they English or Spanish? Ans.—It is impossible to pronounce definitely upon the breed of any dog, simply from his color. The colors you speak of are quite common in the English fox hounds, and dogs thus marked are called pied. The same marking is often seen in the beagle and in the rabbit hounds of this country, the latter being generally of mixed color.

L. B. C., North East.—Please inform me through your paper whether a well-bred pointer, four years old that has been owned by a farmer and has had no training, can be trained so that he may be termed well-broken. Ans.—Dogs of the age you name are generally past fine breaking, as they have become self-willed and obstinate; there are, however, exceptions to this rule, and the dog you refer to may prove one. Any good breaker can tell after a short trial whether it will pay to handle the dog or not.

R. M. T., Lincoln, Neb.—I have a pointer in the same fix as C. H. H.'s setter, of Peru, Ill., in your issue of Nov. 25th. For treatment you say give areca nut. None of our Lincoln druggists (6) know what areca nut is. Please prescribe something else. Ans.—Write to Joseph E. Fisher, 179 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, for areca nut.

PURCHASER, Cincinnati.—What do you think most generally useful, setter or pointer? I am about to buy and want the best. Ans.—We prefer the setter for general work.

VETETINARY.

W. W. Buffalo, N. Y.—I have a very sick horse and would like you to tell me what is the matter with him. He has done considerable road work in the past year, and lately we wished to sell him, so sent him away to another stable to be cared for and sold. They increased his feed and gave him no exercise for four or five weeks, when suddenly he ran down in flesh and would not eat anything. I filed his grinders and he began eating bran and carrots, but has not improved any. The stable man washed his sheath two or three times and oiled it with glycerine, but it is swollen badly, and his water looks bad. He is thin and hide-bound, and his legs and belly, from the fore legs to the sheath, are swollen considerably, and he stands persistantly in one position. Ans. Your horse has œdema (dropsy) resulting from bad stable management, injudicious feeding on highly nutritious and heating food without exercise, which has caused indigestion or dyspepsia. The stomach has become weak and irritable, and now fails to digest the food that is taken into it, which has led to an impoverished condition of the system, hence the dropsy, as the blood becomes thin and the serum exudes through the coats of the vessels and gravitates to the extremities and abdomen. *Treatment.*—Give him dry oatmeal and the best of hay and water, and make up some powders as follows: Take of potassium nitrate and rosin of each two drachms, pulverized and mixed; this is enough for one powder; and take of citrate of iron and quinine one drachm and epsom salts one ounce, mixed into one powder. Give one of each kind once a day in the feed, alternating them, and give bran and carrots occasionally, and walking exercise. The citrate of iron and quinine may be changed to the sulphate of iron after one week, which give in two drachm doses with a little sugar once a day.

LINUS, Fort Wayne, Ind.—I have a very valuable game cock, who fought with another and got his wing hurt. I did not notice it much at first, but he began to mope in the coop and would not eat. Upon examination I found his wing was mortified on the elbow joint. Please state what I shall do. Ans.—Mortification is recognized by a clammy coldness and an offensive, moist exudation standing on the surface, which will blacken a silver probe, and there is a line of demarkation, a bright, red line, between the healthy and the dead part. If you are satisfied it is mortified lose no time in amputating it above the line, as nothing else will be of any avail, and if neglected will cause the death of him. If it is only bruised and blackened, it will be benefited by fomenting in hot water, when having rubbed dry apply the following liniment: Take of tincture of arnica and tincture of opium, of each one-half ounce, and water half a pint; mix and apply with a sponge or brush, three times a day, and feed on a mash of bran and loppered milk.

J. S., Springfield, Ill.—I have been told to blister with iodine ointment, for a small bone spavin causing slight lameness. Please advise. Ans. It would be of no use whatever, as it is not sufficiently powerful, it does very well for glandular enlargements. Take of biniodide of mercury one drachm and lard one ounce, mix, and take of pulverized cantharides two drachms and lard one ounce, mix, and then mix the two together, clip off the hair as closely as possible, and rub in nearly half of it with lots of friction to get up considerable warmth; after three or four days put on a little more if necessary to make a smart blister. Repeat in three weeks if necessary. Give him absolute rest for six or eight weeks, and reduce his feed while idle.

HORSE.

S. N. B., Springfield, Ill.—Please oblige several subscribers with the summary of the race between Fashion and Peytona, and Fashion and Passenger, also, if possible the sire and dam of Calton, Childe Harold, Blacklock and Hiawatha. Ans.—1. Fashion and Peytona met twice. First, a match, Union Course, L. I., May 13, 1845, for $10,000 a side, four mile heats. Peytona won in 7:39¾, 7:45½. Second race, Philadelphia and Camden, May 28, 1845; purse $1,000; four mile heats. Fashion won in 7:48, 7:57. 2. Fashion and Passenger met twice. First race was at Baltimore, May 29, 1847; purse $500; three-mile heats. Fashion won in 5:45, 5:51, 5:51, 6:05. Passenger won the first heat and they ran a dead heat for the third. At the Union Course, Long Island, on Oct. 6, 1847, purse $1,500; four-mile heats; Passenger defeated Fashion in 7:45½, 7:48½. 3. Calton by Lexington, dam Topaz by imp. Glencoe. 4. Childe Harold, by imp. Sovereign, dam Maria West (Wagner's dam), by Marion. 5. Blacklock, by O'Meara, dam an imp. mare by Stumps. 6. Hiawatha, by imp. Albion, dam by Wagner.

J. M., Milwaukee, Wis.—What was the pedigree of the trotting stallion George Patchen? How old was he at his death? How long was he in the stud? Ans.—George M. Patchen, foaled 1849 by Cassius M. Clay, dam said to be by a son of imp. Trustee out of a mare by American Eclipse. 2. He died in May, 1864, aged fifteen years. 3. We do not know how many seasons he was kept exclusively for the stud. He trotted every year from 1859 to 1863.

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. H., Cleveland, Ohio.—No. 1 and No. 2. Not that we remember.

B. O. B., Kalamazoo, Dec. 5.—Where can I obtain a ferret, and about what price will one cost me. Ans. Write to C. H. Van Vechten, Victor, N. Y.

PHANTOM, Columbus, O.—In your issue of Dec. 9th I see an account of the bicycle race between McClellan and DeNoielle. Is not the time remarkably fast. Ans.—No. Amateurs across the herring pond can discount it.

W. D. K., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Where, and at what price can live quail be bought? Want them to turn out in the Spring. Ans.—E. T. Martin, 43 South Clark street, Chicago; $3.50 a dozen. You must get them before January 1st.

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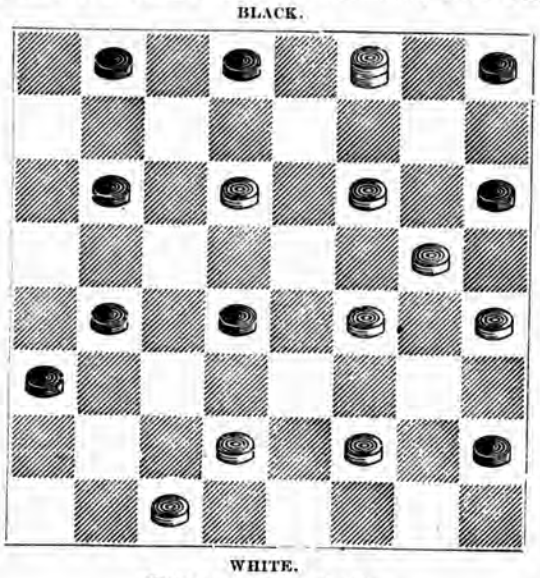

WHITE.

White to move and win.

SOLUTION TO POSITION NO. 66.

22-17	5-14	32-28	11-15	31-27	11-16
14-21	30-25	30-16	17-14	7-11	24-20
23-19	21-30	28-17	2- 7	27-24	16-19
					White wins.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

Letters have been received during the past week from W. E. Truax (thanks for contribution), John Dempster, Jr. (have written you), W. M. Purcell, M. D., and Robert Martins.

CHECKER INTELLIGENCE.

Only 20 games more to be played in the Checker Congress.

The Busby-Priest match at Philadelphia resulted in a draw—each winning 12 games and 26 games were drawn.

Mr. Martins' total score in Cleveland to the 9th inst. is: Winning 43, losing 3, and drawing 22—total 68 games. He intended to leave on Wednesday last for Pittsburgh to fill an engagement with the players of that city.

As play was concluded one day last week, one of Cleveland's b'hoys proposed to play Mr. Martins one game of checkers for the ice cream for the house on condition Mr. Martins would move as quick as he did. Mr. Martins accepted and play began at once, the young gentleman moving first. The game was completed in less than three minutes, Mr. Martins having eleven men on the board, and the young man none. Mr. Martins let him off the first part of the contract, saying he did not "eat anything between meals," and also requesting the young gentlemen to "remember that checkers was a game of science, not activity." He made no reply, but drawing himself up, he started to the door with the full determination to convince Mr. Martins that he was chock full of activity, if he was a little short on science.—*The Cleveland Post.*

TERRE HAUTE, IND., Dec. 4, 1876.

DRAUGHT EDITOR CHICAGO FIELD:—*Dear Sir:*—If Mr. Truax will run his solution of position 64 down to its termination in a win, so that Mr. Forest can see it, then will he deserve our reverential gratitude for his kind dedication. Mr. Forrest is with us no longer, being on his road to Florida with a team. His chief regret at leaving was the loss of this Winter's playing. We wish him the luck of the good checker player, and propose to send him Truax's solution at the earliest opportunity.

Respectfully, W. M. PURCELL, M. D.

GAME NO. 146.—"SINGLE CORNER."

(FIRST GAME.)

Played by telegraph between Mr. W. E. Truax of Motley, and Mr. Dave Willard of Aiken, Minn.

TRUAX'S MOVE.

11-15	16-20	13-22	14-17	12-19	7-16
22-18	24-19	26-17	21-14	27-24	28-24
15-22	10-14	5-14	10-17	20-27	11-16
25-18	19-16	23-19	26-22	32-16	
12-16	6-10	4- 8	17-26	7-14	
29-25	22-17	30-26	31-22	13- 9	
8-11	9-13	8-12	11-15	2- 7	Truax
25-22	18- 9	17-13	19-10	16-12	won.

GAME NO. 147.—"WHILTER."

Played in the Northwestern Checker Congress between Messrs. Charlie Hefter and O. D. Orvis.

ORVIS' MOVE.

11-15	9-18	6- 9	9-27	6-10	12-19
23-19	23- 7	32-27	24-19	17-13	26-23
7-11	16-23	10-14	27-32	9-14	19-26
22-17	27-18	27-23	25-22	13- 9	31- 6
11-16	15-22	14-17	5- 9	14-17	
26-23	25-18	21-14	30-26	9- 6	
8-11	3-10	11-15	1- 6	2- 9	
17-14	29-25	18-11	22-17	19-16	Drawn.

GAME NO. 148—"FIFE."

Played in Chicago, between Messrs. Robert Martins and Dr. O. P. Hatheway.

MARTIN'S MOVE.

11-15	12-19	10-14	7-10	4- 8	26-30
23-19	26-23	23-18	27-23	23-19	8-11
9-14	19-26	14-23	8-12	16-23	30-25
22-17	30- 5	27-18	24-20	20-16	22-17
5- 9	15-18	8-11	10-15	11-27	25-22
17-13	25-22	31-26	26-22	18- 4	11-16
14-18	18-25	4- 8	12-16	23-26	6- 9
19-16	29-22	32-27	28-24	4- 8	Martins won.

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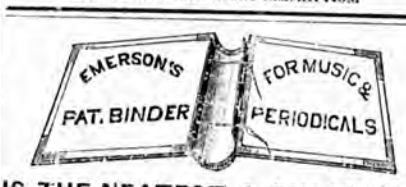

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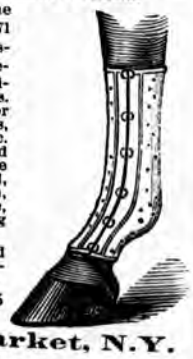

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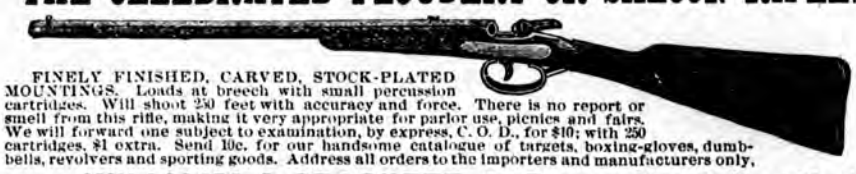

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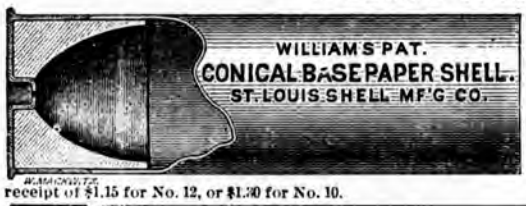

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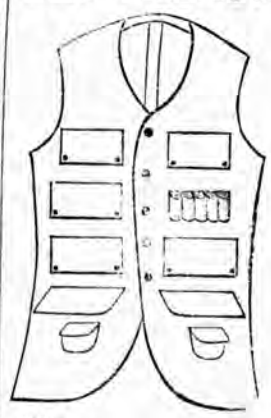

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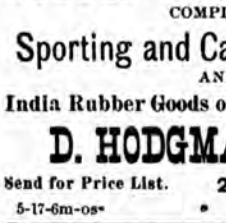

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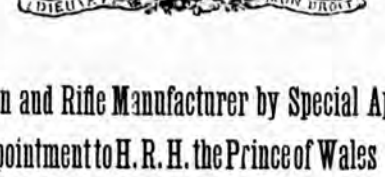

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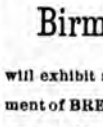

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